

THREE NATIONS
BACK BRITAIN'S
POLICY ON CHINA

Italy, Belgium, and Denmark Substantially Agree With Recent Memorandum

CHANG TSO-LIN NOW
TO LEVY SURTAXES

Japan Credited With Desire to Reopen Tariff Conference—Britain in Opposition

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Three countries, Italy, Belgium and Denmark, have now either officially or informally notified Downing Street that they agree substantially with the British memorandum on China. The United States also is believed to be disposed, and the only country definitely hostile appears to be Japan, with France not desiring to commit itself at the moment.

Meanwhile, it is felt here that the fruits of the publication of the memorandum are beginning to ripen in China. Chang-Tso-lin has already expressed his intention of levying surtaxes. The Cantonese will collect them at Hankow, as from tomorrow. Will the powers allow them to be collected by the maritime customs, as proposed by Great Britain, or do they prefer an extension of the system inaugurated at Canton where the surtaxes are collected by a separate Nationalist organization, is a question asked here, and it is pointed out that in the latter eventuality Britain can now scarcely be expected to sign a joint but wholly ineffective protest, as it did before.

Comment on the reports current here that various local authorities will seek a loan by pledging the surtaxes now that they know the powers will not be able to prevent these being levied, is to the effect that only Moscow would be willing to accept the security offered, and that Moscow doubtless already is financing Canton to the full extent of its capacity. Meanwhile Downing Street expresses itself as comparatively satisfied with the effect produced by the memorandum and will await developments before taking any further step. This fact has been called to the particular attention of the French Ambassador, who has been in constant touch with the Foreign Office for the past few days. In the view of Downing Street it denotes that there is less dissimilarity between the French and British policies than had been indicated by the press comment, particularly that emanating from Paris.

Japan is credited here with a desire to reopen the tariff conference, but informed circles regard this as a proposal to which Britain could not agree at the present juncture.

Italy Replies to Memorandum

By Wireless

ROME, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor understands that the Italian Government has sent a reply to the British memorandum on China. After stating that it fully shares Britain's anxieties on the Chinese situation, the Italian Government declares that Italy has always abstained from interference in the internal struggles of China, adding that it does not

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New Year's Day

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, being a legal holiday, The Christian Science Monitor will not be published.

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Radio Eliminates 17 Hours
in Greeting to New Zealand

Message Sent Cunard Liner Carinthia Early Today Finds Passengers Preparing Joyous Welcome to the New Year—Sets New Marine Record

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The first New Year's greeting ever to leap backward over 17 hours of time and over 10,000 miles of land and sea, clear from the new year itself into the old, was received here today by the Associated Press from the Cunard Liner Carinthia, in Cook Strait, New Zealand.

The Associated Press sent a greeting at 4:30 A. M. today to a score of Americans aboard the British steamer that set out from New York Oct. 14 on a "round the world cruise with 400 passengers."

The message reached the ship, just beyond the international date line, almost instantaneously, at 10:25 "night," while the passengers were gathered in many parties to welcome the New Year.

After midnight, when the calendar there showed Jan. 1, 1927, an answer was sent through space, reaching here at 7:24 A. M. today.

Message Without Parallel

The Associated Press message was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey, Philadelphia; Mrs. William Baker, Washington; Mrs. John A. Beck, Pittsburgh; Mrs. C. Austin Baxter, Pasadena; Mrs. Paul Benz, St. Paul; Rufus Calkins, Detroit; Roland R. Conklin, New York; Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Felton, Boston; Mrs. Daniel Hill, St. Louis; A. C. Hord, Cleveland; Mrs. Edward H. Inbusch, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Porter, Salt Lake City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Thorne, Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Prior, San Francisco.

The greeting said:

"Associated Press in New York 10,000 miles away sends you New Year's greetings on other side of world through courtesy Radio Corporation of America. This message without parallel in marine radio history sent through air on last day of old year and owing difference in time should reach you instantaneously on first day 1927. Would appreciate if you jointly acknowledge receipt immediately together with any message for benefit folks back home."

Celebration in Full Swing

The answer was: "Message received 10:25 p. m., Dec. 31, in Cook Strait."

AMERICANS LIFT
NICARAGUA BAN

Admiral Latimer Removes Censorship on Messages From Neutral Zone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The dispute whether an American censorship had been established on radio stations in the Nicaraguan neutral zone has been settled by the State Department announcement that the ban had been in effect but had been lifted.

The Department said it had just been informed by Rear Admiral Latimer, in command of American forces in Nicaragua, that a censorship had been established at Puerto Cabezas and Rio Grande Bar "to maintain the neutrality of the zone by preventing the sending out of military instructions or information by either side" in the factional strife in that country.

Until the announcement was made, State Department officials had insisted they were without information of any censorship, as charged by Dr. T. S. Vaca, representative of the Sacaca Liberal faction in Nicaragua.

Conservatives on Defense

Military operations in Nicaragua, judging from the latest cable advice, apparently have come to a conservative stage for the conservative forces of President Diaz. Detailed word has come telling of the severity of the defeat of the Diaz troops on the east coast and of plans of the liberal army to march on Managua, the country's capital, in the interior.

Meanwhile, Juan B. Sacaca, Liberal leader, in a message to the Associated Press, declares the landing of American naval forces in Nicaragua is unnecessary since neither Americans there nor their property need protection, and adds that the "real" purpose of the move was to protect the "de facto Government of Adolfo Diaz, who counts on the effective influence of Wall Street bankers."

Pedro J. Zepeda, Dr. Sacaca's chief agent in Mexico City, was authority for the statement that the Liberal chieftain, who has been recognized by Mexico, was preparing to march on Managua, seat of President Diaz, who had been accorded American recognition, with absolute confidence of victory. He said Dr. Sacaca had two army corps of 2000 men each.

Mexican Aid Charged

New charges that Mexico was assisting Dr. Sacaca were made in a telegram to the Nicaraguan Legation here from Cuthbert Pascoe, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Conservative Cabinet. The message said that the "diplomatic ministers of Mexico in Central America, without concealment, are the agents for the revolution," and added that "the Mexican military expedition was on its way 'to land on the Pacific coast.'"

Dr. Sacaca, who had been requested by the Associated Press on Dec. 27 to state his attitude on the neutralization of Puerto Cabezas by Admiral Latimer, said in his message that the warships Denver and Cleveland, "without any record of any abuse of foreign interests, violently disembarked troops, machine guns and cannons, and with bellicose display, my small presidential guard and my private residence were surrounded."

Prefers His Horse
to Police Honors

By the Associated Press

SERGEANT ELWOOD J. CARROLL, for 22 years a member of the Philadelphia police force, has declined promotion to a lieutenant's rank rather than part with his horse.

Sergeant Carroll had accepted his new appointment and had been "sworn in" when he learned that it would mean giving up the horse that he had ridden for nine years. "I just couldn't leave Dick," he said, "so I asked to be demoted. I'd rather be a sergeant and keep Dick than have all the honors in the force."

"I broke him and trained him myself," said Sergeant Carroll. "He follows me everywhere. Tries to get into the office when he knows I'm here and would follow me upstairs if I'd let him. I just couldn't stand living without him around."

FLYERS REUNITED
IN VERA CRUZ ON
'GOOD-WILL' TOUR

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Dec. 31 (AP)—The United States Army "good will" flying expedition to Central and South America, has been reunited after being separated for a week since Capt. Ira Baker and Lieut. M. S. Fairchild made their lone flight here from Tampico, in their machine, the San Francisco. The other four airplanes have just made the hop from Tampico and Mr. J. Herbert A. Dargue, the flight commander, expected the whole expedition to get away together from here.

"Within four months we expect to be back in the States. We hope to reach Minatitlan after a short halt at Puerto, Mex. We expect to make Salina Cruz on New Year's Day. The flight will permit us to study and ascertain the best flying route and the possibility of establishing a fast commercial air route between the Americas."

The fliers were welcomed on their arrival here by General Gomez, Mexican chief of military operations, and the American Consul.

Income Tax Position Defined
in Relation to Laws of State

Commissioner Long, in Explanatory Letter, Tells Why Preference Cannot Be Shown Any Man—Source of Wealth, He Says, Immaterial

Defending the fairness of the Massachusetts income tax law, Henry F. Long, State Commissioner of Taxation, made public today a letter which he has written to the editor of the Brockton Times in reply to one published in that paper by Edgar B. Davis of Brockton, who announced his intention of abandoning legal residence in Brockton to live in Texas, where there is no state income tax.

Mr. Long expressed the hope that Mr. Davis will reconsider and continue a resident of Brockton.

Having stated that Mr. Davis' tax bill was calculated correctly under the income tax law, Mr. Long says: "Of course I recognize that Mr. Davis' criticism is against the law

and not against my administration of it, but it should be clear to all that with the law drawn as fairly and justly as it is, I am powerless to act otherwise than I have in the matter."

To attempt to lighten this man's tax, which was not urged by Mr. Davis, but rather suggested by Brockton city officials, would be to give him preferential treatment. Mr. Long points out, and Mr. Davis expressly disclaimed any wish for that.

Source of Wealth Unimportant

"Mr. Davis," says the letter, "lays particular stress on the fact that his money comes from the oil that is extracted from the ground of Texas. It is true that Texas enjoys a tax on land enhanced by the value occasioned by the oil being there, and in addition enjoys the revenue from a severance tax because the oil is taken from the ground. The real profit, however, comes from the fact that this product does not find its market exclusively in Texas but finds a market all over the world going through various stages to the profit of those who handle it, until it finally reaches the ultimate consumer."

"It is we, therefore, that unless one could distribute the tax to every single point where profit was made, that the tax revenue flows to the community where the individual has his domicile. This basis of domicile is one that has been in force for centuries in all the civilized world."

"If a man had his legal residence in Texas and manufactured a product in Massachusetts the sale of which was confined entirely to European countries, it would be fair that the place of his domicile should have the tax, and that is the practice."

Disappointed at Comparison

"I am disappointed that Mr. Davis undertook to call attention to the fact that his tax in Massachusetts would be about double the tax imposed in a similar case in New York State, because the two tax laws are not comparable. One is a general property tax, based pretty largely on the federal income tax, and if put in operation in Massachusetts would greatly increase the revenue and add

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INTERCITY TAXI
LINES OPPOSED

Worcester Railway Seeks to Enjoin Cabmen Who Compete With Buses

Railroad and street railway officials throughout the state are awaiting with keen interest the outcome of a bill in equity the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company has brought against three Worcester taxicab drivers in an effort to prevent the taxicabs from carrying passengers from Worcester to Southbridge.

The matter came before Judge William C. Wait in the Massachusetts Supreme Court today and he ordered pleadings completed so that on Wednesday next he can send the case to George S. Taft of Worcester, as master. Mr. Taft will hold hearings to determine the facts in dispute and will then report to Judge Wait.

The bill is brought against Ernest S. Wagner, Joseph J. Marsh and Henry Masse and charges that they, in carrying passengers between Worcester and Southbridge for hire, violate the statute under which the Supreme Court has found that motor buses cannot compete with railroads or railroads without their operators securing licenses in each town they traverse.

The Supreme Court decision of nearly two years ago practically ruled bus competition with the railroads and railroads out of commission. Since then the railroads and motor street car companies have put on their own motor buses, and have very little competition. What competition they do have comes from taxicabs and it is generally felt that the railroad and railway officials have been mustering their legal resources for an attack on taxi competition.

This bill, brought by the Worcester Railway Company, is the first step in this attack. If the Supreme Court finds that the taxi men cannot take passengers for hire from Worcester to Southbridge and vice versa, it will amount to a practical declaration that taxi drivers cannot take fares outside the city or town limits of the particular towns or cities they operate and are licensed in.

Buses had gained a quick foothold before the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company as lessees of the Boston & Maine system and the Boston & Maine brought their legal guns to bear. The railroad won a sweeping victory when the Supreme Court decided in all the cases submitted to it that buses could not be operated in "unfair competition" to the railroads and railways, and could not be operated in any event within the State unless licenses were secured from each city and town the buses traveled through, and in addition a certificate from the Department of Public Utilities that the operation of the buses was a public necessity.

The railroad officials were well satisfied with this ultimatum because it meant that while bus competitors could obtain licenses from some town and city officials, they would be unable to get them from all the cities and towns necessary.

NEW AIR ROUTES
LINK UP EUROPE,
ASIA AND AFRICA

Egypt to Mark Inauguration of Service Between Cairo and Karachi

CAPE TO CAIRO
FLIGHT PLANNED

System of Airways to Render Distant Parts of the British Empire More Accessible

By Wireless

CAIRO, Dec. 31.—Today marks the culmination of a week notable in the annals of long-distance aviation when the first of the Imperial Airways liners operating in the Cairo-Karachi service is due to arrive at Aboukir in the afternoon, carrying the British Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, and his wife, also the Air Vice-Admiral, Geoffrey Salmond, who is proceeding to India to take up the command of the British air forces there, and three other passengers.

The Royal Air Force has planned a great reception, to which hundreds of guests from all over Egypt have been invited.

Meanwhile Lord Lloyd is proceeding to Alexandria on a special train to meet Sir Samuel Hoare.

Khartum to Kisumu

Sir Sefton Branner and party, who reached Cairo on Christmas eve in the two first airplanes to be flown as a commercial proposition carrying paying passengers from London to Cairo, have since proceeded to Bagdad, where Sir Sefton awaits Sir Samuel's machine and will fly on with it to Delhi.

Simultaneously with this inauguration of what is expected to be one of the most important British imperial air routes there is beginning another air service, quite as interesting and perhaps eventually nearly as important as that from Cairo to Karachi, for Capt. T. A. Gladstone left Cairo by air for Khartum, whence an intricate and intricate start for Kisumu, thus initiating a regular service between Khartum and Kisumu, carrying mails, passengers and valuable freight. This has the backing of the governments of the Sudan, Uganda and Tanganyika, and is expected to do more than any previous single accomplishment to open up vast spaces of the interior of the Dark Continent.

Cape to Cairo Flight

Yet another air venture began when an advance party of the Royal Air Force left Cairo for Mombassa, and thence to Tanganyika and Uganda, to prepare landing grounds for the Cape-Cairo flight being jointly undertaken by the Royal Air Force and the South African Air Force, which will start from the two ends of Africa and meet in the middle for discussions before each departs for home.

Thus not only the Near and Middle East but also vast areas of the great continent of Africa is being aerially mapped, surveyed and linked up, and with all these services now beginning, together with the envisaged commencement next year of an imperial airship service between England and India and Australia—for which a giant mooring mast at Ismailia has just been completed—the time seems near at hand when an intricate networking system of airways will render parts of the Empire hitherto many weeks distant from London easily, rapidly, and safely accessible.

COMES FROM LONDON
TO BOSTON TO MEET
HUSBAND-CAPTAIN

When the Brockbank-Cunard line freight steamer, Stockwell, reaches port tomorrow morning from Calcutta and Colombo with a \$2,000,000 cargo, Mrs. Edwin Thowless, wife of the captain of the Stockwell, will be on the East Boston dock to greet Captain Thowless. Mrs. Thowless came here from London to join her husband, who has been around the world twice since he has last seen her, which has been more than a year. They have planned a New Year reunion.

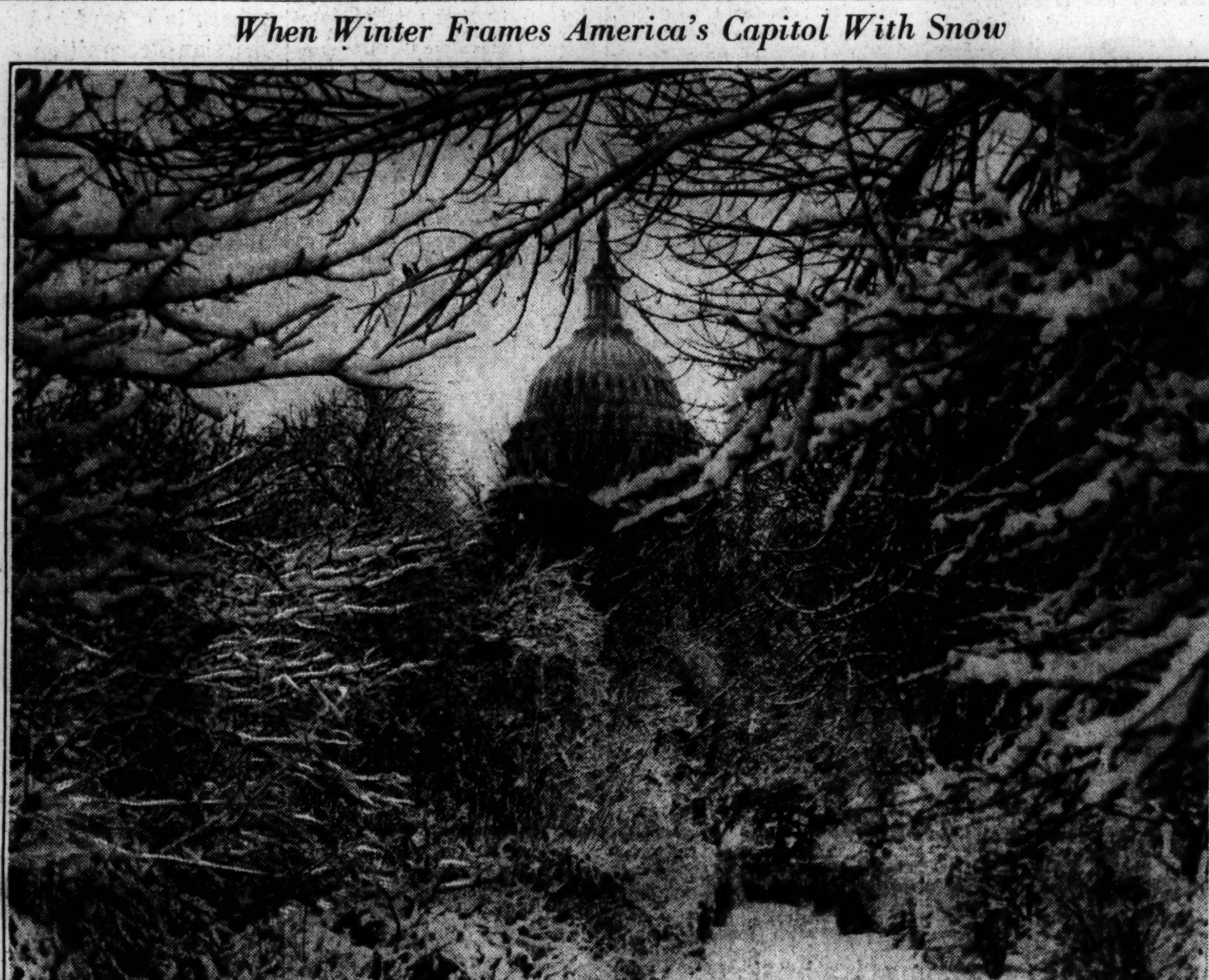
Captain Thowless was in Boston last August, but at that time Mrs. Thowless was unable to come from London to Boston. The last time they met was in Boston. Mrs. Thowless will accompany her husband aboard the vessel from Boston to Philadelphia, and thence to New York City, at which port the Stockwell will load cargo for Australia and New Zealand. Before sailing for these ports Mrs. Thowless will leave the ship and return to London.

LIQUOR AT NEW YEAR
PARTIES BANNED IN LYNN

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 31 (Special)—Orders to strictly enforce the prohibition laws at all New Year celebrations were issued by Mayor Ralph S. Bauer yesterday when Chief Burkes of the police department was directed to send officers to all cafes, inns and clubs where parties are held and to place under arrest anyone seen using liquor.

PAPER TAX IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 30 (AP)—A state tax on newspapers at 3d. per copy caused Sydney newspapers to increase sales prices to 1½d. A court test of the legality of the taxation is proposed.



Usually Viewed in a Setting of Verdant Foliage, the Famous Dome Appears No Less Beautiful in Winter Dress.

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BRITISH WOMEN
GAIN IN POLITICS

Miss Bondfield Foresees Even Greater Part in Public Affairs

Special from Monitor Bureau

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Fund for Study of Spanish Art
Set Up by College Association

Action Expected to Make Available to Students Many "Buried Treasures" of Medieval Artists—Would Make Madrid a Research Center

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THOUSANDS USED
TO HELP HOMES

Heads of Needy Chicago Families Shown Way to Improvement

Special from Monitor Bureau

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—To teach women and children of needy families how to improve their homes, the Association of Housekeeping Centers for its fiscal year just closed expended nearly \$10,000, it was reported officially to the Chicago Association of Commerce, which has approved the program. Classes were conducted by trained instructors and a weekly visit was made to homes of those who attended discussions.

The Civic Music Association of Chicago reported to the association it had spent almost \$30,000 during the year in promoting music study and encouraging talent in civic centers and other public places. The Recreation Training School of Chicago, to train teachers and leaders of recreation, was officially endorsed by the association. This is directed by Miss Neva L. Boyd at Hull House.

Expenses of Hull House Association, of which Miss Jane Addams is president, were reported to the association to have been in excess of \$100,000 last year. The year's expenditure of the Anti-Cruelty Society was reported to have been in excess of \$16,000 and that of the Illinois Humane Society was \$25,234.65.

BRITISH EDUCATION
CONFERENCE OPENS

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The fifteenth annual conference of educational associations from all parts of Britain has opened here, with a stimulating presidential address by Sir Henry A. Miers, ex-Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, on the "Choice of What Is Good for Others."

Sir Henry described how the Russian Soviet has rigidly excluded all except its own Communistic teaching from its schools, while Great Britain has run to the opposite extreme of toleration of all propaganda. "They are beginning to say 'Let's only disseminate what is good,'" he thought, with children and grown people alike, was to give wide access to knowledge and teach them to cultivate judgment.

The Tale of a Turtle called TAD will appear in Monday's MONITOR (Children's Page)

Technicians Offer Counsel in Problems of Government

Basis of Congressional Reapportionment Outlined
by Harvard Professor at Philadelphia Session

By MARJORIE SHULER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The one way to insure a fair reapportionment of representatives in Congress is by the method of equal proportions, asserted Prof. E. V. Huntington of Harvard University in one of the closing sessions of the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His speech was one of several in which leading natural scientists have offered their technical knowledge to deal with government problems. The distribution by equal proportions of the fractions of population inequality between districts and states is the one just method so far advanced, he said, and he deplored the pending congressional bill for a reapportionment based on major fractions, a system which he said was pronounced inferior "by the unanimous vote of a highly competent committee of government experts in 1921."

Aiding Aviation Pilots
The pilot balloon work at 35 stations along airways was described by Willis Ray Gregg of the Federal Weather Bureau, who said that in conformity with the Air Commerce Act of last spring that special weather reports are prepared and distributed to pilots a few minutes before taking off to cover the routes which they will travel.

Airplane Warfare Against Insects
Which feed on trees, and changes in building codes for protection against white ants, or termites, which feed on houses, were recommended by entomologists. More than 15,000 pounds of dust were sprinkled from an airplane on 30,000,000 sparrowworms over 700 acres of rugged forest land in a Wisconsin forest park at a cost of \$7 an acre, said S. B. Fracker and A. A. Granovsky of Madison, Wis. Dr. Thomas E. Snyder of the Federal Department of Agriculture recommended insulation of woodwork, capping of brick with concrete and the setting up of metal barriers as bars against white ants.

Cactuses Helped Indians
The cactus does not belong to white civilization but it filled many needs for the Indian, said Dr. J. N. Rose, who with Dr. N. L. Britton recently published a monograph of the cactus family. It gave the Indian food and drink, he said, fruits which he could eat immediately or dry for winter use.

If he lived in Sonora he made hair brushes out of the cactus fruit for his squaw and he took the seeds from the fruit to make flour. The tree cactus of Arizona and Argentina furnished wood for his houses and fires and even the fire itself. The

Central Mexican species were used for fences and even grown as hedges. The upward trend of wheat acreage and the downward trend of per capita consumption of flour means a further decline in price for the wheat farmer unless he reduces his seeding and puts in more flax, rye, potatoes, sugar beets, or alfalfa, said F. F. Elliott who presented a set of tables showing presumptive returns from such changes in crops.

About one-half the world's supply of sugar is now being made from the sugar beets, said William H. Alexander of Columbus, O., in describing the soil, drainage and weather conditions under which the beet may be most successfully produced. Tremendous advances have been made in the horticultural field, said Dr. E. W. Allen and J. W. Wellington of the Federal Department of Agriculture, but they cautioned against settling back into routine rather than pressing forward to new experiments in active research, against contentment with insufficient data from which to draw conclusions and against doing so much work for the improvement of certain plants that opportunities for new work are sacrificed.

A longer period of professional preparation will insure a higher grade of teachers, said Prof. L. A. Pechstein of the University of Cincinnati. "Coffman's study of 15 years ago, backed up by more recent studies shows that the typical new teacher, even one from a two-year normal school, enters teaching while still in the nineteenth year, from a family of four or five children, small income demanding that the girl take the easy step into a highly respectable calling because of economic pressure," he said.

Higher Teaching Standards
"Recent studies of the social and economic status of the new teachers trained in the five-year university program of the college of education of the University of Cincinnati show that the extended college and university course produces teachers 23 years of age, drawn from families of higher social and economic groups, native born rather than otherwise, and that the motive for entering teaching is primarily not economic."

In other words, a teacher trained in the long time institution has professional, cultural, social and intellectual qualifications which the short term trainee cannot show. It follows that the one-year and two-year normal schools need to extend their programs of training in order that time may be provided for so enrichment

ing the cultural content of the training years as to supplement known deficiencies of the students now entering these institutions."

Discoveries of Bronze Age

Of the greatest importance are the discoveries of the prehistoric civilization of the bronze age along the Aegean, declared J. L. Myers, general secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, who said:

"A good deal that has been difficult to understand in the early civilization discovered earlier at Olympia, at Delphi, and on the Acropolis of Athens has been cleared by these Spartan discoveries, and still more by the more recent investigations of early sites in Thessaly, in Macedonia and in Thrace, where it has at last been possible to excavate inhabited sites which cover a long period of time and contain usually a burnt layer, which seems to represent destruction wrought by the invaders at the beginning of the iron age and the establishment of their own villages in the ruined sites."

Continuing, Dr. Myers said that there is a fresh confirmation from the Hittite archives of what was already suspected, a very early and continuous intercourse between Crete and primitive Egypt, going back to a period considerably before the first historical dynasty, into the period well before 4000 B. C.

Historians Plan Survey of Educational Needs

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31 (Special).—A five-year study of history and other social sciences in the schools at a cost of \$375,000 was decided upon at the closing session of the American Historical Association just held here.

Under the direction of Prof. A. C. Krey of the University of Minnesota, a special committee will work out a detailed plan for the survey, with the aim of advancing "education for effective social membership." A central committee of direction, made up of leaders in education, sociology, educational research and in other fields of public activity, will direct the work.

School practices throughout the United States will be studied, it was announced, and an effort will be made to devise changes meeting the demands of all groups, including labor, business and the American Legion.

A state archives building at Albany to house public records and more stringent laws to insure their preservation were advocated by A. C. Flick, state historian. Owing to past carelessness, he said, scarcely a political sub-division in the State has its records intact.

WOMEN'S CLUBS PLAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

An all-day conference of the sixth district, including 57 federated clubs of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs is called for Jan. 1 at Chauncy Hall, Boston. Speakers will include Mrs. Arthur Devens Potter, state president; Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, general federation secretary; Mrs. Frederick Glasier Smith, general federated director; Mrs. Clarence Clark, Mrs. A. A. Packard, and Mrs. Carl Schrader (state vice-presidents).

Mrs. Ralph Reed and Mrs. Harry A. Burnham will talk on the American home. Gov. Alvan T. Fuller and Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols are expected to attend and speak. Gaspar G. Bacon of the Massachusetts Legislature will address the conference on "Women in Legislation." Franklin Porter and Mrs. Frank Scanlon will debate "Jury Service for Women." Mrs. Robert H. Culbert will present "Law Observance."

EVENTS MONDAY
Meeting for organization of the Boston School Committee, Administration Building, 15 Beacon Street, 5 p. m.
Official opening and house warming of the Motor Mart Garage, Park Square.
Free lecture on Interior Decorating, given by J. Murray Quinby, director International School of Interior Decorating, Studio 206, Stuart Building, 462 Boylston Street, 3 and 5 p. m.

Music
Symphony Hall—John Charles Thomas, 3:30.
Jordan Hall—People's Symphony Orchestra, 3:30.

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THE MONITOR READER

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These questions were answered in the previous issue

Back-to-the-City Trend Termed Solution of Farmer's Problems

Economists in Convention Agree Overproduction Difficulties Will Be Met by Abandoning of Inefficient Farms—Expect Improvement to Be Slow

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 31 (Special).—"Back to the City" was the new cry raised here as means of solution of the farm problem when the American Economic Association joined with the American Farm Economic Association in joint consideration of the agricultural outlook.

The old slogan of "Back to the Land" was pronounced misguided. There are too many inefficient farms, agricultural experts declared, asserting that farmers working them would do better by themselves and the rest of the farmers if they went to town and so reduced the volume of agricultural overproduction.

Ten or perhaps 12 years of lean times in agriculture lie ahead, economists predicted. Co-operative marketing cannot entirely cure the ill because too slow. Diversification has been overexploited. If everybody diversified some overproduction would still persist. When the cycle of depression has passed, agriculture will again enjoy a period of prosperity and prices will be high, but that may not be for nearly a farm generation, it was declared.

Present difficulties have been paralleled in the past, speakers recalled. The situation is not new. It is duplicated in Denmark, where co-operative organization has reached its highest development. Denmark, struggling with the overproduction problem.

Opinions Differ Widely
Economists are not agreed as to the causes of the farm depression. Some are not even agreed that low prices indicate surplus. They are not at one as to whether legislation can help. They are divided as to whether tariff revision downward would aid. They differ as to whether the city laborer's high wages are good or bad for the farmer. They are not unanimous as to whether better methods of farming will bring dangerous increases of production in the near future, or as to whether European demand is likely to enlarge to the benefit of the American farmer.

No one spoke a word in behalf of the McNary-Haugen bill. It was mentioned but once in an incidental way. Though Frank O. Lowden, formerly Governor of Illinois, had been asked by the farm economists to explain to them his federal farm plan, such legislation found no vocal sponsor.

Whatever lack of unanimity manifested itself on various aspects of the farm situation no objection was entered to the several authorities who

ferring farmers of such qualities to the factories where they might be guided in their tasks.

Europe May Help

"I do not think it is likely that agriculture will share in what passes for prosperity in this country for several years to come," said Prof. T. N. Carver of Harvard University. "When the people of Europe get a little better off and perhaps buy a little better food, that may help them."

Charles J. Brand, formerly chief of the Bureau of Markets in the United States Department of Agriculture, put a low estimation on co-operation's remedial value because of its slow development, and held the outlook was for greater profits on fewer acres, abandoning marginal lands and concentrating on the more productive.

Discontent with the high tariff wall protecting industry then broke out. Prof. H. C. Filley of University of Nebraska declared that instead of bemoaning overproduction too much, the economists should rejoice in it, and turn their attention to ways of giving the rest of the world some of the surplus and of its giving American farmers some of the things it could produce more cheaply. Others stressed the tariff question as vital.

American attitude regarding recognition remains unchanged, the department said.

"There would seem to be at this time no reason for negotiations," said the department. "The American Government, as the President said in his message to Congress, is not proposing to barter away its principles. If the Soviet authorities are ready to restore the confiscated property of American citizens or make effective compensation, they can do so. If the Soviet authorities are ready to repeal their decree repudiating Russia's obligations to this country and appropriately recognize them, they can do so. It requires no conference or negotiations to accomplish these results which can and should be achieved at Moscow as evidence of good faith."

"The American Government has not incurred liabilities to Russia or repudiated obligations. Most serious is the continued propaganda to overthrow the institutions of this country. This Government can enter into no negotiations until these efforts directed from Moscow are abandoned."

By Wireless

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—The optimism which could be observed in Soviet Foreign office circles regarding the

prospects of the restoration of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, has definitely subsided. It is understood that certain approaches from the American side last summer aroused the hope here that the inflexible attitude of the American State Department had relaxed, but subsequent developments proved disillusioning.

Gregory Fyatskov, formerly head of the Concessions Committee and vice-president of the Supreme Economic Council leaves for America in the middle of January to take charge of the Soviet trading organizations in America, but it is not expected that he will make any political or economic advances looking toward a settlement of the disputed points between Russia and America unless a friendlier atmosphere is perceptible in the State Department.

SELF-HELP FOR PRISONERS

SALT LAKE CITY (Special Correspondence).—Sale of the present site of the Utah State Prison and the acquisition of a site containing at least 50,000 acres of land where young men entering prison may be taught to be self supporting, is advocated by R. E. Davis, warden. Of the 206 men confined in the Utah prison, 40 are under 20 years of age.

DENIAL IS MADE OF SOVIET STORY

United States Made No Approach in Regard to Russian Recognition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP).—A story that the United States had approached Russian Soviet officials during the last year on the subject of Russian recognition was flatly denied today by the State Department.

The department authorized the statement that no approach whatever respecting recognition has been made during the year to any Moscow official. It was a direct denial of a story told in Moscow yesterday by a Soviet Government official who said "tangible and palpable" recognition approaches had been made by the Washington Government. The

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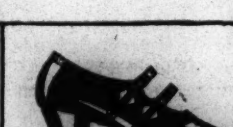












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POLISH ACTION CAUSES ALARM

Soviet Sees Possible Expansion of Poland Eastward
—Lithuanian Coup

By Wireless
MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—The specter of Poland, in one form or another, has been falling under the influence of the revolution, clouds the new year opening for Soviet diplomacy. This was made clear in a statement from a responsible Soviet Foreign Office spokesman who declared that the Government is following Lithuanian developments with considerable concern, especially since the revolution there had been a violent sequel expressed in the execution of four Communists.

It is feared here that the Lithuanian Nationalists, Professor Smolenski and Professor Vasdemaras, who are respectively the President and Premier of the new Lithuanian Government, cannot make headway against the influence of the Lithuanian Christian Democratic Party which made the revolution, and which is believed here to favor a rapprochement with Poland. It is felt here that any move suggesting a veiled or an open union of Lithuania and Poland would serve as an incentive to further Polish expansion eastward and place an additional strain on Soviet-Polish relations. The Lithuanian coup exerts an unfavorable influence on the Soviet negotiations for non-aggression neutrality pacts with Latvia and Estonia, since the governments of these states, with the example of the overthrown Lithuanian Government before them, fear to take a step which might serve as a pretext for a military coup.

London Takes Different View

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Quite a different view is taken in informed circles here from that held in Moscow regarding the political affinities of the new Lithuanian Government. The Christian Democratic Party was in power till the general election last June and it always maintained the most implacable attitude toward Poland, and was responsible for the instigation of negotiations with the Soviets for the neutrality pact which was afterward brought to fruition by the new Government which was overthrown by the Dec. 17 revolution.

The only common policy possessed by both parties is in fact the desire to keep on good terms with the Soviets. The Christian Science Monitor representative, when in Kaunas (Kovno) last August, found the feeling against the Poles almost universal, the possibility of recovering Vilna practically monopolizing the conversation. The previous Government is believed to have been less hostile to Poland than the present régime.

BRITISH SHIPPING PROSPECT BRIGHTENS

Demand for Tonnage Space
Expected to Grow

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31.—Walter Runciman, president of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, referring to the effect of the coal stoppage, says in Lloyd's List:

"Now that work has been resumed, the activity of trades which have replenished their depleted stocks may lead to fairly good demand for tonnage space. Manufacturers have started again. Blast furnaces are turning plates, angles and bars. Machinery works can get their supplies of steel and are fulfilling their orders as fast as they can export."

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department has never attempted, directly or indirectly, to repress free speech on any subject, either by those who favor, or those who oppose, its policies, Dwight F. Davis, Secretary of War, has advised the Rev. John Nevin Sayre, of New York, in connection with the controversy over an address Mr. Sayre was to have delivered at the University of Oklahoma.

Any action taken by Lieut.-Col. George C. Lewis, executive officer of the Ninety-fifth division, organized reserves, at Oklahoma City, to prevent Mr. Sayre from delivering his address was an expression of Colonel Lewis' personal view, not that of the War Department.

"In the copy of his letter (transmitted by Mr. Sayre to the War Secretary) it appeared that Colonel Lewis expressed his personal views with reference to certain opponents of military training in schools and colleges," Mr. Davis said.

"It is contrary to the policy of the War Department to make adverse criticism of any individual or organization and no army officer has the right to speak for the War Department contrary to its established policy."

KING BORIS PARDONS POLITICAL PRISONERS

Conditions Improving in Bulgaria, Say Party Leaders

By Wireless
SOFIA, Dec. 31.—King Boris signed a pardon for 80 persons, mostly political prisoners, who will be freed on New Year's Eve. The sentences of 100 others are reduced by royal decree. King Boris invited all Bulgarian's 245 national representatives, including members of the extreme left Wing parties, to visit him at the palace last night, one of the many evidences that the King desires to keep in close touch with his people.

A few hours before the reception a large official group of representatives handed the King the National Assembly's answer to the address of the Crown, given at the opening of the present session. The speeches made by the leaders of all parties made it plain that political conditions in Bulgaria are improving, that a large degree of freedom is granted, that the Llapcheff Government is very secure, and that the Government Party is willing to form a coalition with the moderate Opposition parties at the approaching general elections.

WOMAN DEMOCRATS CLUB RENOMINATES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Adrienne A. Jones, wife of the New Mexico Senator, has been renominated for a second term as president of the Woman's National Democratic Club. Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard of Maryland, first vice-president, and Mrs. Meredith Helm of Illinois, second vice-president, also were renominated. The elections will be held in February.

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Critic of Plan to Conscript
Riches in Event of War
Fails to Give Reasons

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON
By Special Cable

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The sincerest testimony to the strength of an idea is the vigor with which it is opposed, then the demand for the conscription of wealth in the event of war, which originated in America and was supported by President Coolidge, is well favored.

The Echo de Paris today devotes two full columns on its front page to abuse of the proposal. It admits that it is one of those ideas which become positive forces governing the world. It says that such forces, if not combated immediately, will win for and assemble around themselves a competent headquarters staff and make their way among all classes.

Yet, apparently, a well-known writer, Rene Johannet, thinks there is still time to resist the movement. Most of his article consists of a historical and philosophical consideration of various revolts of Roman days and the Middle Ages. These remarks are not particularly pertinent, unless they are meant to show the power of ideas.

The author goes on to say the "expression 'conscription of wealth' is admirably apt and its merits are great." He shows how it appeals to those with social ideals. For logical persons it has the advantage of symmetry, since it balances conscription of men with conscription of money. It is a happy formula, because it facilitates the passage from the known to the unknown. Everybody understands ordinary conscription and the word enables them to picture the conscription of riches.

Again the idea satisfies the desire for justice, which is strong in the people. In future the rich, in the event of war, will not be allowed to increase their wealth while the poor are exposed to dangers. That is good, healthy, just and reasonable. As this point of his exposition the author, who conceded so much, suddenly cries: "It is folly. It is superfluous to demonstrate error."

Thus precisely when the reader expects to discover the causes of his logical for an idea which is admittedly logical and just, the writer evades the question. He repeats that the idea is a menace, and that it is necessary to oppose it, but one searches vainly for the reasons.

MERITS OF BOSTON AS PORT OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The merits of Boston and Baltimore as home ports of the American Republics Line, operating freight ships to South America, were presented today before the shipping board.

Delegations of business men appeared in support of requests that the line, which now is operated by the Moore & McCormack Company of New York, be reallocated.

New England industry will be substantially helped if a Boston operating company is chosen, Mrs. Edith N. Rogers and Robert Luce, members of the House from Massachusetts, told the board. Boston speakers asserted that the South American market was a most promising one for New England, which used the raw products from there and returned finished goods in trade.

George Hawley, president of Sprague & Son of Boston, said that if the line were allocated to his company it would build "from 10 to 12 ships to a fleet of 15 or 20."

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PAPERS DISCUSS COOLIDGE IDEAL

President's Trenton Speech
Warmly Received by the
Westminster Gazette

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31.—President Coolidge's Trenton speech attracts considerable attention. The Daily Chronicle until recently Mr. Lloyd George's organ which is today under the control of Lord Reading, ex-Viceroy of India, says "President Coolidge is not forcing an open door when he affirms that when the military system is worked to its logical consequences, the results will always be complete failure. How many nations has he really with him—as certainly he has Great Britain—in declaring, 'We can render no better service to humanity than to prevent the world from slipping back into the grasp of that ravaging system?'"

The Chronicle goes on to instance the Locarno and Geneva agreements as proof that Europe has made progress toward peace in the past 15 months. "Still," it continues, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating and the final test whether the accords of Locarno and Geneva have ripened their fruits will be whether and how far they induce Europe to disarm."

"The progress made in 1926 on this specific issue by international bodies to whom it was referred has been rather disappointing. Continued effort will be needed if more is to be attained and an international disarmament conference is to be brought together with any hope of getting tangible results. In this effort we hope to see British and American diplomacy working toward a common goal."

The Westminster Gazette, another Liberal Party organ, says: "President Coolidge struck one of the best international notes for the new year, in taking his stand on the maxim that competitive armaments will not make peace, but that enlightened statesmanship will make sacrifices in the way of disarmament for peace."

There is no evidence here, this journal continues, "of statesmen who will make sacrifices for peace, urged with such pious propriety by President Coolidge. But it is not our business to taunt President Coolidge or the United States people with erecting a sign post without taking the road. This country is powerful and important enough to make an initiative of its own, and if our politicians cannot liberate us from the vested interests of the fighting services, the most tenacious and conservative of which is the Admiralty, it ought to be made a taxpayers' question."

PRINCE CHICHIBU VISITS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Prince Chichibu, heir apparent to the Japanese throne, in an informal visit to the White House, has paid his respects to President Coolidge and expressed his gratitude for the sympathies America had extended his nation upon the passing of his father, the Emperor.

The Prince will sail Jan. 4 for Japan.

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MOSCOW, Russia, Dec. 31 (AP)—A cave 26 miles long and half a mile deep, with a chain of grottoes of extraordinary beauty, and wide corridors hung with mammoth icicles, has been discovered near the town of Kungur, Province of Perm, in the Ural Mountains. A big underground river is believed to have once flowed at the bottom of the cave.

Professor Khlebnikov brought word to Moscow of the wonderful geological construction of this vast cave. In the opinion of geologists, the ice covering its walls was probably formed during the third interglacial period, 150,000 years ago, when all northern Russia and Europe were enveloped in ice.

The roof of the cave is a mass of iridescent snow crystals, which reflect all the colors of the rainbow. About a mile from the entrance is a small lake of pristine purity. Near the lake are found rare archaeological objects from the time of the Persian King Cyrus.

Beyond the entrance were unearthed military fortifications, built by the bandit chieftain Ermak during his military campaign in Siberia in the fifteenth century.

Belgium's Reconstruction: Although about 100,000 Belgian homes were destroyed during the World War, when the present reconstruction project is completed the country will have 1000 more houses than before the war.

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GREATER USE OF STEAM LINES STRESSED IN TRANSIT REPORT

Start on Electrification Asked in Program of Planning Division—New Tunnel Route Connecting North and South Stations Leads in Interest

Plans for the transit needs of 25 or possibly 50 years in the future as well as the immediate needs of the present are surveyed in the report of the Massachusetts Division of Metropolitan Planning which has been filed for the Legislature. In this the commission makes it clear that it proposes to solve current questions in a way that will provide a sound foundation for future growth.

Utilization of little used steam passenger lines for electric transit is a policy which runs through practically all the recommendations of the planners after the proposed Brighton-East Boston and Lechmere-Huntington Avenue routes have been built.

Link Between Stations

In considering what steam rail lines could advantageously be converted to electricity, the planning division has not only enumerated those short branches on which traffic of all kinds has waned below the profit point but also some lines on which passenger service is only incidental to a large freight movement.

Probably the most interesting proposal in this long-view picture of transportation development is the plan laid out for an additional rapid transit route through the center of the city when existing subway lines have become overtaxed. This proposed route would connect the North and South Stations by a new tunnel under Post Office Square and the business district, and its trains would run southward over electrified tracks on the Midland division of the New Haven railroad to Mattapan and northward over similar new track on the western division of the Boston & Maine to Reading. Cost of this route is estimated roughly at \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Chiefly Freight Traffic

The planners point out that although the Midland division passes through one of the most populous residential districts of Boston, the steam railroad passenger traffic has almost disappeared from this part of the line and that this division is now the most important freight route of the New Haven.

Though the Boston & Maine retains a somewhat better passenger traffic in Malden, Melrose, Wakefield and Reading, the commission says there is reason to believe that both companies would be willing to surrender their passenger train operation and permit the introduction of rapid transit service instead.

The planning commission also urges strongly that the railroad make a beginning of electrification work in the metropolitan area by substituting electric operation for steam on the Old Colony division of the New Haven running from South Station to Quincy and Braintree, the Newton circuit of the Boston & Albany through Brookline to Riverside, and the Western division of the Boston & Maine from North Station to Reading. Admitting that complete electrification of the railroad is financially out of the question at present, the report says that electrification of these suburban lines is feasible with overhead catenary trolleys for \$200,000 a mile.

Facilities Are Available

The report points out that the Old Colony division of the New Haven handles the heaviest volume of steam railroad traffic of any line entering Boston, due primarily to the large contribution of Quincy and near-by towns.

There is already a subway loop under the South Station, the report adds, built in anticipation of the early electrification of some of the suburban passenger routes which were intended to utilize the underground portion of the terminal. This facility has never been used and remains available. The suggestion of both freight traffic and long-haul passenger traffic over the Old Colony division make it an ideal one for electrification, in the opinion of planners.

Building upon the groundwork of its immediate recommendations and to the present subway and elevated system—the establishment of two cross-city rapid transit routes from East Boston to Brighton and from Lechmere to Huntington Avenue and Tremont Street, the commission points out how electrification of these two lines can be made to serve the probable growth of the suburban districts for many years.

Extension of Tunnel

A recommendation for the extension of the East Boston tunnel to the Wood Island station of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad contemplates that the Revere Beach line would eventually be taken over for electrical operation, as a rapid transit line to Lynn or possibly beyond.

From Lechmere Square, the report outlines the possibility of future extension of rapid transit service over the north traffic artery and the Boston & Maine right of way to North Cambridge. From that point this extension would be carried when needed over the rest of the Lexington branch to Lexington or even Bedford.

It would likewise be possible, whenever conditions warranted the expense, to extend this service from Somerville Junction to Winchester and Woburn and from North Cambridge to Waltham and Watertown. From the Huntington Avenue end of this route, some of the possibilities are an extension to Brookline Village and connection there with the Newton circuit to Riverside, and a line continuing south along the Providence division of the New Haven Railroad to Forest Hills.

Way to Remote Elevated

This latter improvement, the division observes, might make it possible to abandon the Washington

Street elevated line. This line also could be extended over the New Haven route through West Roxbury to Dedham.

Extension of service from the Cambridge subway beyond its present terminus at Harvard Square probably will be desirable in the near future, the report recognizes. Even in view of the proposed North Cambridge extension, Harvard Square would continue to receive a growing traffic from the west. In this event, the division recommends extension of the subway under Mount Auburn Street to the Water-town branch of the Boston & Maine and over that route to Waltham.

From the Everett terminal of the Elevated line the planners contemplate an eventual rapid transit connection with the Saugus branch of the Boston & Maine. A preliminary step in this direction was recommended by another recent report which advised that the line be given over for trolley car service. The planning division expects that this route eventually will be desirable for rapid transit to Lynn.

STATE TO AID SEA FISHING

Marine Hatcheries Advocated to Replenish Waters of Massachusetts

Plans for the establishment of State salt water fish hatcheries to rehabilitate Massachusetts marine fisheries were outlined today by William C. Adams, director of the State Division of Fisheries and Game, who advocated these hatcheries as a means of bringing back anadromous fish such as smelt, shad, and, if possible, the fast disappearing salmon.

He also said that the State should assume the same attitude toward fishing that it does toward agriculture for both actually are means to a valuable and necessary national food supply.

Although the first fish were exported from Boston as early as 1633, Mr. Adams pointed out "and although commercial fishing is one of the oldest industries in the State, the Commonwealth has never expended any substantial sum toward building up the industry." Mr. Adams also told of plans to establish a research biological station to be followed by the hatcheries of which the State now maintains six for the propagation of fresh water fish.

Mr. Adams gave the interview following the two-day conference on wild life and its preservation at the State House. He urged the need of a \$25,000 appropriation to be raised by general taxation to help defray the costs of the program for 1927, including the addition of four inspectors, thereby trebling the force, and the expansion of inspection so as to include salt and pickled, as well as fresh and frozen fish.

Arthur L. Millet, State Inspector of Fish, said that nowhere, aside from Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, is fishing so important an industry as in Massachusetts, where more than 3000 men are employed and the annual return reaches \$15,000,000 a year. Massachusetts ships 32,000,000 pounds of fish a year, he said, and consumption here is 10 pounds more per capita than in any other state. He said 70 per cent of the fish handled here is consumed in Massachusetts.

Of the 281,000 pounds of fish, part of that handled by the State yearly, 185,000 pounds is handled by the Atlantic Avenue wharf; 72,000,000 pounds at Gloucester, 25,000,000 pounds at Cape Cod, and 16,000,000 pounds by the flounders fleet, he concluded.

B. & A. TO RETIRE THREE ENGINEERS

Will Reward Long Service on Railroad's Locomotives

The Boston & Albany Railroad will retire three veteran locomotive engineers tomorrow. They are: John W. Clark of 158 Herman Street, Winthrop, Mass., who was born in Ashland, Mass., Dec. 11, 1856, and has been continuously in the service of the B. & A. since Aug. 2, 1880, when he became a fireman. He was promoted to locomotive engineer in December of 1886.

John Sargent, on the Albany division, of 24 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, Mass., who was born in Boston Nov. 2, 1854, and has been continuously in the service of the B. & A. continuously since Dec. 4, 1882, when he became a fireman at West Springfield. He was promoted to locomotive engineer in July, 1888, and has worked continuously in that capacity in the freight service on the Albany division.

Henry H. Kirkland of Spencer, Mass., who was born in Huntington, Mass., in 1861, and entered the service as fireman in 1885. He was promoted to engineer in January, 1890, and has worked for a number of years on the Spencer branch.

MAINE SHERIFF-ELECT NAMES HIS DEPUTIES

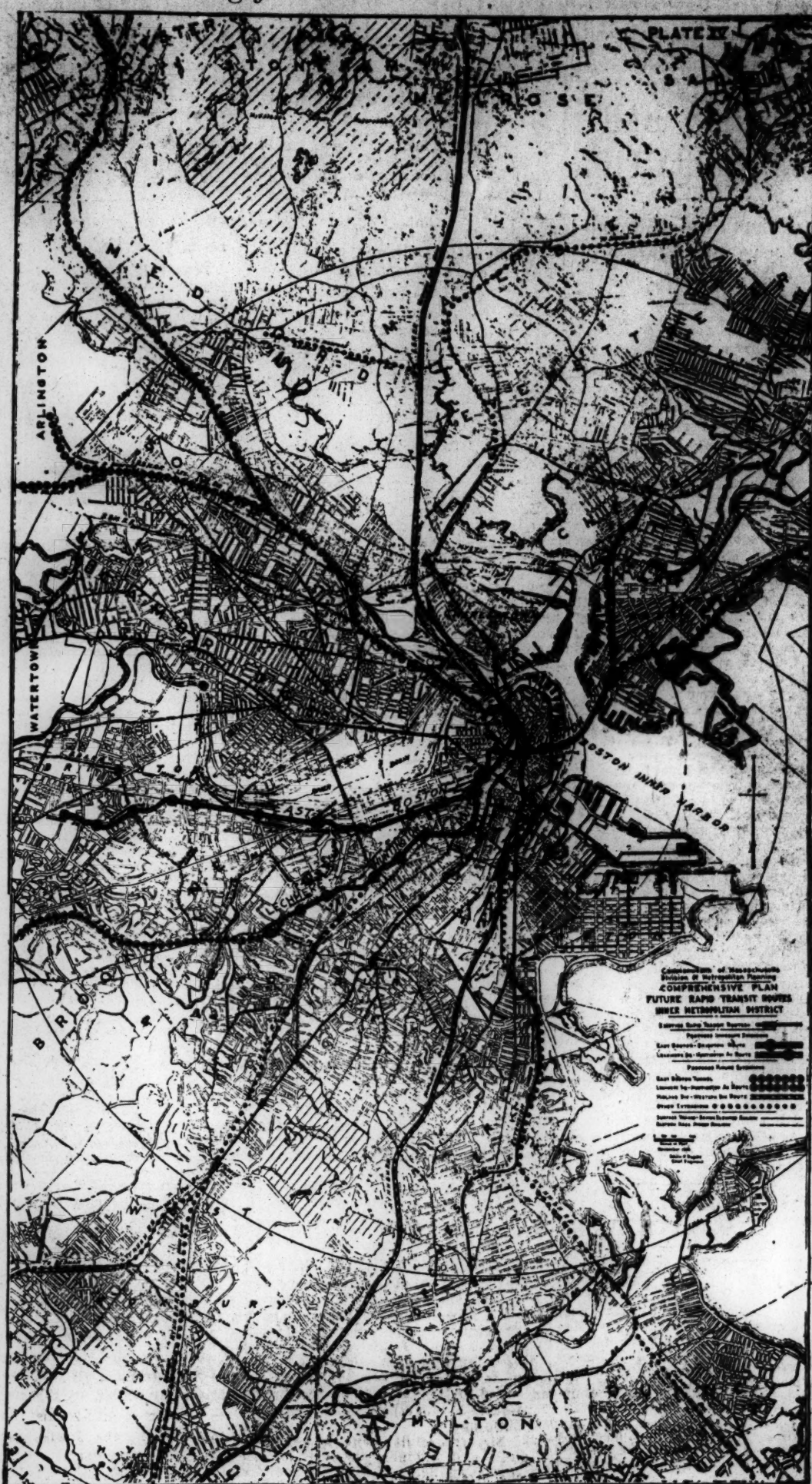
AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 31 (AP)—In anticipation of assuming office at midnight, Henry F. Cummings, sheriff-elect of Kennebec County, has announced a list of 25 deputies. He will succeed John M. Eastman of Benton, who was appointed sheriff last May following the removal of Sheriff Cummings on charges of laxity in office.

The deposed sheriff won a renomination in the June primaries and was re-elected last September.

GOVERNOR-ELECT CLOSING HOME

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 31 (AP)—John E. Weeks, Governor-elect, and Mrs. Weeks closed their home here yesterday and left for Montpelier where Judge Weeks will take the oath of office as Governor next week.

Planning for Boston Area's Transit Growth



Trip to Tropics in Tasty Recipes

New England's "Best Cooks" Invited to Join Unique Contest

Six New England housewives, one from each state, are going to be rewarded for their cooking next March by a 24-day cruise to the tropics as a result of a recipe contest. The party will sail from Boston about March 13. The first stop will be at Havana, Cuba, where two days will be spent visiting points of interest.

The next stop will be Cristobal, Atlantic entrance of the Panama Canal. The party will visit Colon, see the power-house dam and locks and then proceed to Panama City. The next day the ship will sail for Port Limon, Costa Rica. Here the party will be taken by train to San Jose, the mountain capital of Costa Rica, a distance of 103 miles over one of the most remarkable railroads in the world. Two days will be passed in sight-seeing in this typical Spanish-American town with its 33,000,000 Opera House.

From Port Limon, the ship will sail for Boston, arriving 24 days after the start.

Winners of the contest, which will close March 1, will be allowed to take with them their husbands or a guest. For those who did not win one of the six capital prizes, it is announced there will be 100 honorable mention prizes. The contest is to be conducted by the D. & L. Slade Company of Boston, spice makers, to determine the best recipes using their products. The group will sail on a specially chartered ship of the United Fruit fleet.

MEMORIAL PROPOSED AT INTERSTATE BRIDGE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 31 (AP)—Erection of a state war memorial at the Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth at a cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000 is recommended in the report of a special memorial commission submitted to the Governor and Council.

The project will be referred to the 1927 Legislature for action. The State of Maine has a war memorial at the Maine entrance to the bridge and it is understood that the Granite State memorial will be of a similar type.

SHOE COMPANY TO EXPAND

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 31 (AP)—The W. L. Douglas Shoe Company, and the local unions announced today agreements by which the company will manufacture here all their boys' shoes and a new line of men's shoes. Production will start Jan. 10 at 1200 pairs a day and will be steadily increased. The development means steady work for some hundreds of wage earners.

TO TALK ON ELECTRICITY

Earl H. Barber of the Gas and Electric Division of the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts, is to give a talk on "Cheap Electricity, Its Economics and the Way Thereof," at a luncheon of the Living Costs Committee of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters to be given at the College Club next Thursday. He is to be followed by Mrs. Susan W. Fitzgerald of the Necessaries of Life Commission. Mrs. Eva G. Osgood is chairman of the committee.

GIFT FOR NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS

CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., Dec. 31 (AP)—An unnamed sum from the rest of the estate is left to the Northfield schools of Northfield, Mass., in the will of Harriet E. Brayton, filed today. The sum will be determined by the executors. Bequests to local churches and institutions amount to \$13,500.

SPINDLE ACTIVITY SHOWS AN INCREASE

WASHINGTON, December 31 (AP)—Cotton spindle activity in the United States increased in November. A Department of Commerce report shows that based on an activity of 8.78 was 37,877,576 or at 101.2 per cent capacity on a single shift basis. This compares with 98.9 per cent in October and 95.9 in November, 1925.

The New England states, with almost as many spinning spindles in place as the cotton growing states, had 13,895,210 active in November as against 17,391,500 for the Southern group. Massachusetts led the country in both respects, having 11,352,848 spindles in place and 8,413,346 active. In total active spindle hours for the month, however, North Carolina was in the lead with South Carolina second and Massachusetts third.

RADIO TONIGHT

Tomorrow's Radio Program Will Be Found on Page 16

Evening Features FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 31

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

WNAO, Boston, Mass. (430 Meters)
4 p. m.—Shepard Colonial dance. 4:30—Stock market and business news. 5:30—Flashlight tour of the city. 6:30—Movie news. 7:30—Dinner dance. 8:30—Movie news. 9:30—News flashes. 10:30—Weather. 11:30—One-minute talk. 12:30—The Trumpeter. 1:30—"Mr. and Mrs. Radio." 2:30—Concert program. 3:30—The Radio Red Heads. 4:30—News flashes. 5:30—Dance music. 6:30—Ella's dance band; popular selections by Irving Berlin. 7:30—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Walcott Light Service.

WEEI, Boston, Mass. (348 Meters)

4 p. m.—Cafe Esplanade trio. 4:30—Bert Myers and his orchestra. 5:45—Stock market and business news. 6:30—Movie news. 7:30—Dinner dance. 8:30—Movie news. 9:30—News flashes. 10:30—Weather. 11:30—One-minute talk. 12:30—The Trumpeter. 1:30—"Mr. and Mrs. Radio." 2:30—Concert program. 3:30—The Radio Red Heads. 4:30—News flashes. 5:30—Dance music. 6:30—Ella's dance band; popular selections by Irving Berlin. 7:30—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Walcott Light Service.

WZL, Boston, Mass. (333 Meters)

6:15 p. m.—Hotel Lenox ensemble. 6:30—Dance music. 7:30—Movie news. 8:30—News flashes. 9:30—Weather. 10:30—One-minute talk. 11:30—The Trumpeter. 12:30—"Mr. and Mrs. Radio." 1:30—Concert program. 2:30—The Radio Red Heads. 3:30—News flashes. 4:30—Dance music. 5:30—Ella's dance band; popular selections by Irving Berlin. 6:30—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Walcott Light Service.

WGY, Schenectady, N. Y. (380 Meters)

8 p. m.—Remington Band. Edwin L. Daniels, conductor. 9:30—WGY Players. 10:30—WGY News. 11:30—Church service and chimes.

WABC, New York City (430 Meters)

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MORE PARK LAND IN STATE SOUGHT

Connecticut Commission Asks Legislature for Sum of \$1,076,400

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 31 (Special)—The Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission will ask the 1927 Legislature for \$1,076,400 this year of which an appropriation of \$750,000 is for the acquisition of land and \$326,400 for maintenance and development, according to the annual report submitted to Governor Trumbull yesterday. The State Forester's department will request \$75,000 for forestry expenses and \$100,000 for prevention work.

The commission now has 4585 acres of park land under its supervision. The total cost has amounted to \$743,139 in actual purchases. During the past two years 1456 acres have been added, 1095 by purchase and 360 by gift to the State.

All attendance records at the state-owned parks have been broken in the past year, the visitors numbering 1,580,738. This is in addition to 67,055 camping days spent by visitors who were at the permanent or temporary camps maintained by the State for periods ranging from one day to several weeks.

In pointing out the need for an increased appropriation the commission has prepared statistics to show that Connecticut's state-owned park and forest lands are comparatively small when areas for the neighboring states and the country as a whole are considered. The percentage of public parklands for the entire country is 1.73; for New York State, 7.10; New Hampshire, 7.77; Rhode Island, 2.37; Massachusetts, 2 per cent; while the Connecticut percentage is only 1.55 per cent.

The commission also shows that it has received appropriations totaling \$415,000 in the past 13 years, while its requests have totaled \$4,385,000.

DEAN SWAN'S LEAVING REGRETTED AT YALE

Alumni Weekly Says It Is "Blow to Law School"

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31 (AP)—The departure of Thomas W. Swan, dean of the Yale Law School, recently appointed United States circuit judge of the Second District, will be a "blow to the Yale Law School" and a matter of sincere regret, mixed with congratulations, the Yale Alumni Weekly says today. During Dean Swan's administration, it is pointed out, the law school has taken its place in the front ranks among American law schools.

Particular regret is expressed that Dean Swan will sever connections with the institution before the new law school building and new educational advancements have been carried through.

Dean Swan became associated with Yale in 1916, the Weekly says, and put through, one by one, "a number of important betterments in the school until a foundation had been laid for a new course second to none in the country."

RHODE ISLAND TOWN REDUCES POLICE CHIEF

BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 31 (AP)—By vote of the town council last night, Hugh F. Kelley, chief of police, was reduced to the rank of patrolman and Richard J. Cavanaugh, youngest member of the department, was promoted to the office of chief. Members of the council stated that the reason for the action was Mr. Kelley's failure to make good his repeated declaration that he would "clean up the town." Chief Cavanaugh took over his new duties today.

S.A.E. ADMITS THREE CHAPTERS

Of six petitioning chapters seeking membership in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at its convention at the Copley Plaza, three were admitted making the total 99. They were the University of Montana, Missoula; Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.; and Middlebury College, Vermont. The convention closed yesterday.

ENGINEER TO VALUE TEXTILE PROPERTIES

Chicopee Takes Steps to Re-adjust Taxation

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 31 (Special)—The Board of Assessors, in an informal conference with the Board of Trade textile committee last night, agreed to engage an expert textile engineer to place a value on textile properties in the city, with the understanding that if the tax burden on the mills is found excessive the rate will be reduced.

This marks a drastic step by the textile committee in its attempt to solve the textile problem now threatening several textile cities and communities. Chicopee's own problem was recently brought to a head by an announcement that the city's mills would be only partly kept open by insuring their profitable operation were forthcoming.

The special committee has assumed the Chicopee Manufacturing Company, one of the larger textile firms, that his firm will have the full cooperation of business and municipal officials in solving the problem of operating profitably in the city.

PUBLIC IS URGED TO AID PARKING

Restrictions Must Be Extended, Says Report—Drivers Can Help

Recommendation that the Board of Street Commissioners of Boston reconsider down-town traffic conditions with a view to extending the "no parking" regulation to a moderate extension of the business district of co-operative voluntary efforts to keep the streets as free of parked cars as possible; encouragement of day storage, and better methods of apprehending offenders and enforcing penalties, the Chamber of Commerce has informed the Board of Street Commissioners, of its attitude on the situation.

Fitz-Henry Smith Jr., chairman of the chamber's committee on municipal and metropolitan affairs, in a letter to Mr. Hurley, points out that the chamber is ready to co-operate in any possible way.

No Drastic Change Advocated

By extending the prohibition of parking to such streets or sides of streets where the need exists, further improvement may be made, the committee believes, but no drastic extension of "no parking" regulations to cover the entire down-town district is favored by the chamber, either for all day or before 10 a. m. and after 4 p. m. That all, or most all, streets in the business district will be eventually barred to parking, is the probability intimated by the committee, which points out that such action should not be taken at this time.

Ten thousand spaces are estimated to be available at the curb of streets within the business section of the city, for parking, points out the committee, but these street-parking facilities cannot be increased. Forecasts of the future indicate that motor vehicle registration will increase, though possibly slower than in the past, so that further parking restrictions cannot be avoided.

One-hour parking privileges on certain streets should be spread among as many streets as possible, but with a reasonable time allowance, says the committee, in recognizing that many business firms would like to have a longer period allowed for parking, but is realizing that extension of time cannot be allowed under present conditions. The one-hour privilege seems to fulfill the reasonable expectations of the business community, says the committee.

Voluntary Co-operation Advised

Much can be done to improve conditions by voluntary efforts of automobile owners and business men, it is pointed out. Steps taken by Mayor Nichols and the chamber and retail trade board in securing co-operative efforts should be continued and extended, the committee says. Co-operation of other organizations and the daily newspapers should also be enlisted to the end that a public sentiment be aroused against unnecessary use of automobiles in the down-town section. This will postpone drastic prohibitions on parking, it is pointed out.

Studies by the chamber committee of the parking situation show that there are 65 garages and open-air parking spaces on private property, which could house about 17,000 cars at one time, all located north-east of Massachusetts.

A map has been prepared showing the location of these garages. The chamber favors use of such places rather than the streets, and recommends that the problem be referred to the Mayor's traffic advisory board to obtain the latter's views.

Careful consideration by the city administration and other organizations interested in the traffic problem, of the recently published report of the Judicial Council on the subject of better methods of apprehending offenders, enforcing penalties for violations of parking and similar minor traffic regulations, is recommended by the chamber. The plan therein outlined possesses much merit in opinion of the chamber committee.

"Y" WOULD ENROLL 900 NEW MEMBERS

A diamond jubilee group of 75 members is being chosen by the Boston Y. M. C. A. whose purpose will be to obtain a new member for every month of the 75 years of existence of the Boston Association, the plan being a part of the anniversary program to be carried out during the coming year.

The men of the diamond jubilee group will receive a bronze button for securing one new member, a silver button for five, a gold button for 10, and a pearl emblem for 25 new members. Each of the 75 men in the group will sign a statement that the work is undertaken "in recognition of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the first Y. M. C. A. in the United States, and in token of appreciation of membership and loyalty to its purpose."

TOWN PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

Second Municipal Research Institute to Be Held at Montpelier in January

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 31 (Special)—Arrangements have been completed for the holding of the second Institute of Municipal Research here on Jan. 12 and 13, while the Vermont Legislature is in session, under the direction of Prof. K. R. H. Flint, director of the bureau of municipal affairs of Norwich University.

This bureau, organized primarily to assist the various towns in this state in solving their problems, has attracted attention from all parts of the nation and requests for information have come from foreign countries.

Three speakers will discuss civic problems at the opening session, on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 12. Charles A. Plumley, president of Norwich University will talk on "The Functioning of the Local Government Unit"; Benjamin Gates, State Auditor, will speak on "The Nature and Status of a Uniform System of Public Accounting in Vermont"; and Edwin M. Harvey, Commissioner of Taxation, will take up "Arguments For and Against the Exemption of New Industries from Taxation."

The second day will be featured by a noon-day luncheon, at which Gov. John E. Weeks will preside and Harold S. Butters, of New York City, will take up "Arguments For and Against the Exemption of New Industries from Taxation."

All the addresses during the gathering will be followed by general discussion of the problems involved. One of the sessions on the second day of the institute will have forestry as the theme for discussion, led by the state forester of New Hampshire, John H. Foster, and the secretary of Vermont Forestry Association.

The final session will be devoted to problems of community organization, with Mrs. O. H. Coolidge of Rutland, president of the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs, presiding. Walter E. Ranger, Commissioner of Education for the State of Rhode Island, will speak on "The School Building as a Community Center," and Mrs. F. S. Locke of Springfield, Vt., will speak on "The Community Council as a Factor in Efficient Local Government." The latter is secretary of the Springfield Community Council.

CAMBRIDGE STREETS TO BE MADE WIDER

Mayor Quinn, After Hearing, Says He Will Sign Order

Edward Quinn, Mayor of Cambridge, following a public hearing on the proposed widening of Broadway and Main Streets, Cambridge, and a discussion of Greater Boston traffic problems in which Henry I. Harriman of the Metropolitan Planning Division took part, said that he will sign the order for the highway improvement.

Mr. Harriman, who was the principal speaker in favor of the projected improvement, said that the widening of Broadway and Main Street in Cambridge will form an important extension of the northern highway which was made possible in Boston by the widening of Court and Cambridge Streets.

Mr. Harriman also spoke of the Boston plan for making an 80 or 100-foot highway from Causeway Street to the Charles River Dam and of the work his division is doing to solve the traffic problem at Charles and Cambridge Streets. Cambridge business men's organizations were represented at the hearing and all favored the street widening plans.

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TELEPHONE LINE ADDITIONS VOTED

New England Improvements Costing \$2,245,954 Are Authorized for Month

At its regular monthly appropriation meeting today the executive committee of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company authorized the expenditure of \$2,245,954 for new construction and improvements in plant, necessary to meet the demand for service, including previous authorizations, the total commitment of the company for plant expenditures this year is \$29,278,235. Of the amount authorized today \$811,562 is the estimated total cost of hundreds of routine additions to plant in all parts of the company's territory during January of next year.

Authorizations for Maine include \$96,891 for additional underground and aerial cables in Portland. Plans for New Hampshire call for the expenditure of \$12,962 for additional aerial cables in Wolfboro in addition to routine work in many places.

The company plans to spend in Rhode Island \$541,973 for the initial central office equipment in a third machine-switching office to be opened in Providence during the summer of 1928, and \$445 for additional equipment in the Woonsocket central office.

FILIPINOS HONOR NATIONAL HERO

Collegians Pay Tribute to Independence Pioneer

Filipinos the world over last night paid tribute to their country's patriot, Jose Rizal, who 30 years ago paid the supreme sacrifice because of a Spanish firing squad after he had been condemned without trial for advocating independence.

The group that gathered in Boston was the Filipino Collegians, an organization of students from the islands who are attending colleges and universities and other institutions in and about Boston. They conducted special ceremonies at the Hotel Somerset, and had as their guest and chief speaker, J. West Allen, formerly attorney-general of the State.

Mr. Allen pleaded for abolition of the terms "ruler" and "subject" when referring to the Philippines and the United States.

"Ruler and subject nations are things of the past and in no sense should we look upon the islands as should we look upon the islands as look upon us as rulers. We are friends, extending the helping hand, the hand that eventually will release the friendly grip and give to the Philippines the independence they seek," he said.

Practically all of the Filipino Collegians are specializing in American institutions of higher learning. Many are graduates of the University of the Philippines. Completing courses in the United States, they will return to their islands to be leaders in professional, commercial and industrial activities.

The president of the club, Manuel Liwanag, an officer in the Philippine Constabulary, will have completed next June a four-year course at Technology.

At last night's dinner Dr. Wenceslao Pascual, doing research work in Boston, gave an historical sketch of Rizal's life and Mr. Liwanag gave an address of welcome. An entertainment followed the exercises. Officers of the Collegians are, besides Mr. Liwanag: Andres Borromeo Jr., vice-president; Salvador Delgado, secretary; and Dr. Toribio Josen, treasurer.

ACTION ON RESERVE SYSTEM IS PROPOSED

Representative Tilson Favors Early Extension

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 31 (AP)—What the life of the federal reserve system should be extended by action of Congress at this session, before it can be carried into politics, is the view of John Q. Tilson, Representative in Congress, as given to a gathering of several hundred leading citizens under the auspices of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce here yesterday.

Pointing out that the charter will expire in some five years, Representative Tilson said that in the period since the system came into operation in 1913, the federal reserve system had demonstrated its tremendous benefits and it should have the extension.

After giving a general outline of the tax situation, he expressed the opinion that no tax legislation of importance was likely to be enacted at this session. National bank laws and radio broadcasting were two issues that probably will be taken up, he continued.

For some time, the speaker continued, there has been a widespread feeling that the national banking laws should be liberalized and to that view he could see no particular objection.

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The museum is at 5 Jarvis Street near the University Museum and is open every school day from 8:30 to 4:30. On Sundays it is open from 2 to 4:30. The lecture is given at 3 p. m. and is repeated at 3:30 p. m.

BUSY WEEK-END OF HOCKEY AT ARENA

There will be a busy week-end of hockey at the Boston Arena beginning tonight with a contest between the Boston Tigers and Providence in a Canadian-American Hockey League game and ending tomorrow night with

APPLE ORCHARDS ARE INCREASING

New Hampshire Survey Shows Extensive Planting of Young Trees

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 31 (AP)—New Hampshire fruit growers have faith in the apple. Planting of young trees in the last few years has been so extensive that within the next decade the total crop of the State will be materially increased.

This is disclosed by a survey of all the commercial orchards in New Hampshire recently completed by the state experiment station.

A commercial orchard is one having at least 100 bearing or 200 non-bearing apple trees. The investigators found 104 such orchards with a total of 351,959 trees. Of this total 117,121 or almost exactly one-third are trees which have not yet come into bearing.

The bulk of the Granite State apple production is in the southern counties. Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham counties have 73 per cent of the commercial orchards, 76 per cent of the trees. Hillsborough leads with 303 orchards and 140,438 trees.

Cool, the northernmost county, is at the foot of the list with only three commercial orchards having a total of 475 trees. Sullivan and Grafton counties, although totaling only 5 per cent of the trees, show the greatest relative promise of future increase, each having more than 50 per cent of its orchards planted to trees not yet in bearing.

Fifty-two per cent of the State's apple trees are Baldwins, the most popular variety except in the northern counties. McIntosh comes next with 20 per cent and recent plantings show that it is growing in favor.

BOSTON READY TO GREET 1927

Exercises on Common, in Churches and Homes to Contribute Part

Preparing to turn the page of its new calendar at midnight, Boston will receive the New Year with a series of public exercises and church services looking forward with both reverence and rejoicing to 1927.

On Boston Common, in places of worship throughout the city, and in many clubs which will keep open house, ceremonies will be conducted emphasizing at once the increasing prosperity which Boston has enjoyed during the past year and the spiritual needs needed for its continuance in 1927.

Mayor Nichols will deliver a New Year address from the Parkman Bandstand at the bells toll 12, following the vocal and instrumental concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Lights on the Christmas tree on the Common will be lowered at 11:58 o'clock at which time "taps" will be sounded three times. The tree will again be illuminated and promptly at midnight bonfires will be kindled on the playground back of the bandstand. The words "Happy New Year" will then be displayed in red lights from the bandstand. Community singing in which the Peoples' Choral Union, Handel and Haydn Society, Apollo Club, Cecilia Society, Boston University Musical Club and several other choral groups will participate, will conclude the program.

A reception will be held from 4 to 7 o'clock this evening at the Womans' Club, at which Mr. Charles Sumner Bird, president, and the vice-presidents will receive.

The Boston Square and Compass Club will have its sixth annual New Year party from 8 to 12 o'clock. A varied musical program has been arranged, and tomorrow the club will keep open house throughout the day.

Reservations for nearly 800 have been made for the first New Year party which the new University Club will give this evening.

Holiday travel both in the city and on outgoing trains became increasingly heavy today. Extra cars and buses will be run tonight on all the surface lines of the Boston Elevated, but the subway will close at the usual time of about 1:15, it was announced.

Historic films of Boston and the Y. M. C. A. to be shown both afternoon and evening, a Filipino quartet, vocal and instrumental numbers by other entertainers, athletic events, swimming demonstrations, an educational exhibit by Northeastern University, and general public inspection of the entire plant will feature the annual Christmas open house program at the Huntington Avenue branch of the Boston Y. M. C. A. Saturday. From 4000 to 6000 persons are expected to attend, the event being open to men and women, boys and girls.

NATIONS BACK POLICY ON CHINA

Intend to change this policy in the future

It insists on the necessity for a general agreement among all interested powers, an agreement which should be reached in the "same spirit" as that of the Washington Conference, and that the policy of the powers should be guided by the most benevolent attitude toward China.

The Italian Government already has authorized its representative at Peking to accept the Chinese proposal dealing with surtaxes, in full and to the satisfaction of the powers in the British memorandum.

Mixed Court to Be Abolished

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31 (AP)—Abolition of the Shanghai mixed court of international settlement, long sought by the Chinese, is about to take place.

It was officially announced today that arrangements have been completed between Chinese and foreign authorities for retention of the court under the terms of a provisional agreement made last Aug. 31, and that the change will become effective tomorrow.

It is understood the seal of the mixed court will be handed over to the provisional Chinese court formally replaces the mixed tribunal.

OIL MEN IN MEXICO FIRM TO LAST DAY

Americans Decline to Accede to Calles Government

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—With only 12 hours intervening before the new Mexican oil law goes into effect, companies affiliated with the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico were holding firm. It was declared by the office of the association that no meeting was planned for further consideration of the situation.

While no official comment was available, it is generally assumed that American oil interests are concerned with the time limit to pass without application for confirmation of their rights as required by the new law. Theoretically this will mean that oil lands involved will revert to the Government.

However, it is believed here that some time will elapse before the Calles Government acts to enforce the law and that some satisfactory agreement may be reached before any definite confiscatory action is taken.

WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB LISTS LECTURES

"The Philippines" is the subject of the first lecture of the new year, which is to be given at the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts by Dr. Charles C. Batchelder next Wednesday at 2 p. m. Next week's club night has been postponed to Wednesday to Friday, when Mrs. Andrew J. George will lecture on "Spain, France, and Italy in the Mediterranean."

The Philippines and the Administration of Governor-General Wood is the subject to be discussed by Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer at the meeting of the political department on Thursday, at 11 a. m. Dr. Sarah Ellen Palmer of Boston will lecture on "The Splendor and Romance of French Cathedrals," on Jan. 11 at 3:30 p. m.

WOMEN'S CITY CLUB SCHEDULES CONCERT

The Women's City Club of Boston will open its new year with an informal musical program at the clubhouse next Tuesday at 8:30 p. m., to be given by Vincent H. Marloti, a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra for the last five years, accompanied by Mrs. Roland M. Baker, a member of the activities committee of the club. Mr. Marloti has been concert master of several opera houses in Europe and South America, and was a member of the Augustus Symphony Orchestra in Rome.

Their program will include Grieg's Sonata in C minor, as well as numbers by Lalo, Bach, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Kreisler, Boulanger and Vitali.

On the following evening Bishop

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS IN CONTEST

ORONO, Me., Dec. 31 (AP)—One hundred and fifty members of the Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Club, from all parts of the State are holding their thirteenth annual state contest at the University of Maine.

Judging contests and awarding of the State cup will take place this afternoon. At 6 p. m. there will be a banquet and after the closing session of the contest will be held, at which prizes will be awarded by W. G. Hutton, representing the Maine Central Railroad, and state champions will receive the certificate in recognition of their achievement.

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Drinking Is Real Culprit, Not Prohibition, Massachusetts Dry Leader Shows

"The verdict of the Suffolk County Grand Jury, which after six months handling of crime cases, reports that 'liquor is at the bottom of it all' is of momentous importance," says William M. Forgrave, superintendent of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, "because there stands revealed the culprit which prohibitionists are fighting."

"Abstract discussion between wets and dries has been carried so far ahead that the fundamental issue too frequently has been lost sight of," Mr. Forgrave adds. "Too often people are misled into accepting the statement that prohibition is to blame for crime."

"This specious claim misses the point which is that liquor drinking, not prohibition, is to blame. Try as you will to say it is this or that, in the final analysis if a man has been drinking liquor and commits a crime it is the liquor that did it and it is liquor we are striving to eliminate."

Misinterpretation Shown
"The biggest fallacy of all the wet claims is contained in the headline of one of the newspaper stories describing this Grand Jury finding. It read: 'Crime blamed on prohibition by Grand Jury.' Place beside this scare-head the exact words of the

Grand Jury: 'Liquor is at the bottom of it all.'
"Is it prohibition that makes a man drunk? Is it prohibition that causes the intoxicated motorist to lose control of his car and damage life and property? The answer is clearly 'No.' It is liquor that makes a man drunk, not prohibition. It is liquor that causes the motorist to lose control of his car, not prohibition. It is liquor that incites a man to other acts of crime and violence, not prohibition. Liquor, says the Suffolk County Grand Jury, is at the bottom of it all."

What Grand Jury Said
"The Grand Jury report in this connection reads:

"During the presentation of cases to us, we often attempted to discern the motives behind the commission of criminal acts. Our attention was especially drawn to the extreme youth of a number of the defendants. Time and again, police officers and civilian witnesses gave the age of the defendant as being just beyond the juvenile age, and in most cases in the early twenties. We inquired into the background of these cases. Day after day as we sat as grand jurors, we heard evidence about youths committing robberies, stealing automobiles, breaking and enter-

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"We are of the opinion that liquor is at the bottom of it all. The youth of today who seem to be unrestrained, drink liquor because it is considered smart or fashionable."

"Clearly, those grand jurors have branded the real criminal, liquor. And this judgment is all the more significant in view of the fact that these men have studied the problem of crime and its cause not as a theory but in concrete cases, and have investigated to the bottom these cases daily for the past six months—and at the bottom they found liquor."

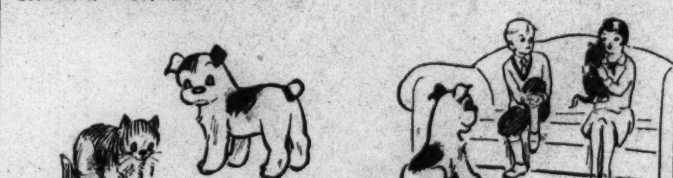
No Excuse for Criminality
"There is this one fundamental fact which should be appreciated by all persons. It is that liquor is one of the basic causes of crime. Criminal acts are directly attributable to intoxication or drinking even in more moderation. Time was when intoxication used to be considered an excuse for criminality. Today it must be recognized as the cause rather than the excuse for criminal acts. Liquor and crime are directly related. Liquor not only leads to crime, as this grand jury shows, but it is a crime to drink liquor for this very reason."

"Later in its report the jurymen expressed the view that bootlegging liquor was even more damaging than the stuff sold before prohibition. The point may be well taken, but the relative badness of liquor does not gainsay the fact that liquor is one of the principal causes of crime. Prohibition, furthermore, does not make liquor, it is the criminal, the violator of the law, who makes the liquor—bad and worse as it is. "Prohibition is trying to free man from liquor."

The Diary of Snubs, Our Dog



The Boss had an awfully hard time convincing me that that big cat had a right to walk off with Sponges little friend, and I wanted to follow her and see what she did with him—



Sponge was pretty brave and didn't meow very much, but I could see she was thinking a lot—



Joan finally came over for a visit, though, and told her she was sorry the little kitten wasn't coming to live at her house, but said she 'You'll simply have to take her place by coming to see me real often!

That seemed to cheer her up quite a bit and she meowed and said she would—

GOVERNOR SMITH'S INAUGURAL OPENS

New York Executive Takes Oath—Exercises to Follow

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31 (AP)—The fourth inauguration of Alfred E. Smith as Governor of New York is under way.

The ceremonies, which will culminate tomorrow noon in the formal inauguration in the Assembly Chamber, began with the Governor taking the oath of office in the quiet of the executive office, surrounded by his family, a few friends and newspapermen. The oath was administered by Judge Lehman of the Court of Appeals.

Florence S. Knapp, Secretary of State, has received requests for tickets to the inauguration far in excess of the 1600 allotted for filling the Assembly Chamber.

A large number of military and naval units are to participate in a

parade preceding the exercises under the command of Col. Charles E. Walsh of the Tenth Infantry, grand marshal. Details of this phase of the inauguration were arranged by Adj. Gen. Franklin W. Ward.

TICKET MAKERS MUST KEEP PRICES SECRET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Members of the American Amusement Ticket Manufacturers' Association have been enjoined from exchanging information as to prices by a consent decree entered as a result of anti-trust proceedings.

The Department of Justice filed suit against the association and 13 of its members Dec. 16, charging that the members had allotted buyers of tickets to one another to be held as exclusive customers. Under the court order the defendants are prohibited also from arbitrating disputes among themselves as to prices for amusement tickets.

LABOR REFUSES EASTON LODGE

Party Is Unable to Accept Lady Warwick's Hand—some Offer

By Wireless from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 31—Labor's final refusal of Lady Warwick's munificent offer of Easton Lodge, her beautiful estate in Essex, for use as an industrial college recalls the speech made by Jack Jones, Labor member, on behalf of the General Workers Union at the Trades Union Congress at Bournemouth last September. It

had been proposed to levy 1d. per member for three years in order to establish Easton Lodge as an educational institution. Most of the Trades Union Council delegates regarded the proposal favorably, but in a bitter debate it was pointed out, owing to the depletion of trade union funds by the costly strikes, the Trades Union Council was unable to finance the Warwick gift, even to the extent of the necessary £50,000 for supplying the teaching equipment of the famous old mansion.

Mr. Jones, who declared he had no faith in a university education as a means of helping the labor movement, argued that it was a mistake to send working people to college only to make them capitalist enemies of their own class.

Few of the other Labor leaders, however, shared Mr. Jones' opinion that "education was an idle, unprofitable luxury," but admittedly voted against the project, wholly because of trade-union poverty. Easton Lodge would greatly enrich the educational facilities open to British working men but the Trades Union Council delegates realized as they could not "eat their cake and have it too," so trade unionism could not waste its substance in costly industrial disputes and have money to invest for the enlightenment and education of its members. And so as the Manchester Guardian points out that "the trade unions have let slip an extraordinarily good opportunity. Their failure to realize how good it was is perhaps the best proof of how much Easton Lodge could have done for them."

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DILLON, READ & CO. ADMIT NEW PARTNERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Five new partners, all of whom have risen from the ranks, will be admitted to the banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. on Jan. 1. They are Robert O. Hayward, in charge of foreign government financing; Henry G. Riter 3rd, manager of the Philadelphia office; William S. Charnly, manager of the Pittsburgh office; Clinton M. Miller, formerly manager of the firm's Pacific coast headquarters, and Robert E. Christie Jr. John W. Hornor, who has been with the firm and its predecessors for 35 years, will retire.

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DRYS PROTEST ALCOHOL PLAN

Mr. Wheeler Says League Agreeable Only If Real Deterrent Is Substituted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Protest against elimination of poisons as denaturants of industrial alcohol until effective substitutes have been found has been made to Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League.

"We are willing to knock out the poison," said Mr. Wheeler, "if you can find substitutes which will really make the alcohol unfit for beverage use."

"We are even willing that the denaturants shall be made less deadly until proper substitutes are found but remember the law prescribes that industrial alcohol must be made unfit for beverage use and there is only one way to do it now. Use wood alcohol."

Mr. Mellon assured Mr. Wheeler that no radical steps would be taken which might leave the stock of industrial alcohol subject to widespread use by bootleggers.

Mr. Wheeler told the secretary that the law in eight states provides strict penalties for bootleggers who knowingly sell goods containing poison.

FURNITURE MARKET SPREADS
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (Special Correspondence)—Starting with space in a few stores on the main street of Grand Rapids, the furniture market has grown to such an extent that 1,300,000 square feet of floor space were necessary for the ninety-eighth semiannual furniture show here. Statistics were announced showing that 70 per cent of the industrial workers of Grand Rapids are employed in furniture factories or allied industries.

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BOOK REVIEWS AND LITERARY NEWS

New Light on Chaucer

Some New Light on Chaucer: Lectures Delivered at the Lowell Institute, by John Matthews Manly. New York: Henry Holt & Co. \$2.

IF THE reader has never discovered that literary research, far from being a tame and dry pursuit, is really as exciting for the practitioner as a game of skill, he need only read this book and follow the learned author's reasoning as he seeks to establish the identity of the various Canterbury pilgrims or to determine whether a certain "Philippa Pan" mentioned in fourteenth-century account-books, was really the poet's wife.

Unless the reader is a Chaucer student, he may, of course, feel inclined to ask, "But what difference does it all make, anyway?" But even so he cannot fail to be astonished that after 500 years it is still possible, not only to learn a great deal that is new about the poet, but even completely to reconstruct his life. If, moreover, he is interested in the technique of writing evidence, he is certain to find Professor Manly's methods fascinating.

The "new light on Chaucer" is here focused mainly on two propositions: first, that Chaucer was a much more important person, socially and politically, than has been believed; and, second, that at least a dozen of the 29 Canterbury pilgrims were suggested by real persons whom the poet knew.

Until recently it has been thought that the poet was a man of humble birth who enjoyed the patronage of his royal masters only because of his eminence as an author and not because of any special social ability or social prominence. It now appears, through the research of many scholars, that he belonged to a family of great wealth and some political prominence, that he may have received an expensive and sound education in the academy of the Inner Temple, as well as a legal training that must have served him well in the many government positions he afterward held, and that these positions included no fewer than seven missions to France, Flanders, and Italy of greater importance than has been supposed, besides those of controller of customs, controller of petty customs, justice of peace for the County of Kent, clerk of the king's works, and forester of the royal park at North Petherton. All suggests that with him poetry was never a profession, but only an avocation amid multitudinous public duties.

Of course much of this has long been known, but its significance has not been generally recognized. One can no longer maintain, as earlier scholars did, that Chaucer was the obscure son of a tavern-keeper of no social standing, or that the offices he held were sinecures conferred upon him in recognition of his literary genius. He was a man of affairs, of good education for his time, and a valuable public servant. It seems to be possible also that the Philippa Roet whom he seems to have married in 1366 was of excellent lineage and was the sister of the third wife of John of Gaunt. Both by inheritance and by marriage the poet was apparently connected with influential, eminent and wealthy families.

All Speculative

On the entire subject of Chaucer's biography Professor Manly has this to say: "It may be freely admitted that all these new views concerning Chaucer's career are speculative, but it should be borne in mind that most of the current views are no less speculative, and that even if no certain conclusions can be reached, it is worth while to prevent speculation from hardening into accepted teachings."

Of one thing we may be sure, that our knowledge of the life of Chaucer—at least, our picture of him as a man in his times—is being remarkably developed and that what we may know of the future will be limited only by the success of scholars in tracing out the lines which are here suggested. Whatever may be their attitude toward Professor Manly's speculations, students will find his book for the present indispensable.

Turning to what may be of more interest to the general reader—the identification of the Canterbury pilgrims—Professor Manly's theories contravene the long assumption that the portraits of the prologue and the episodic passages of the "Canterbury Tales" are merely generalized descriptions of fourteenth-century social types, rather than individualized portraits of actual persons of the day. It is not likely that all students will be converted to this view; and yet he has brought together a mass of evidence about the Host, Reeve, Miller, Summoner, Friar, Pardoner, Man of Law, Franklin, Shipman, Merchant, Prioresse, Wife of Bath, Nun's Priest, Canon, and Canon's Yeoman, besides some notes on half a dozen other characters, of immense interest to the reader of Chaucer, whether he accepts the author's theory or not. Certainly, the historical and social details given serve to make the portraits of Chaucer seem all the more remarkable and his reputation as a humorist still more secure.

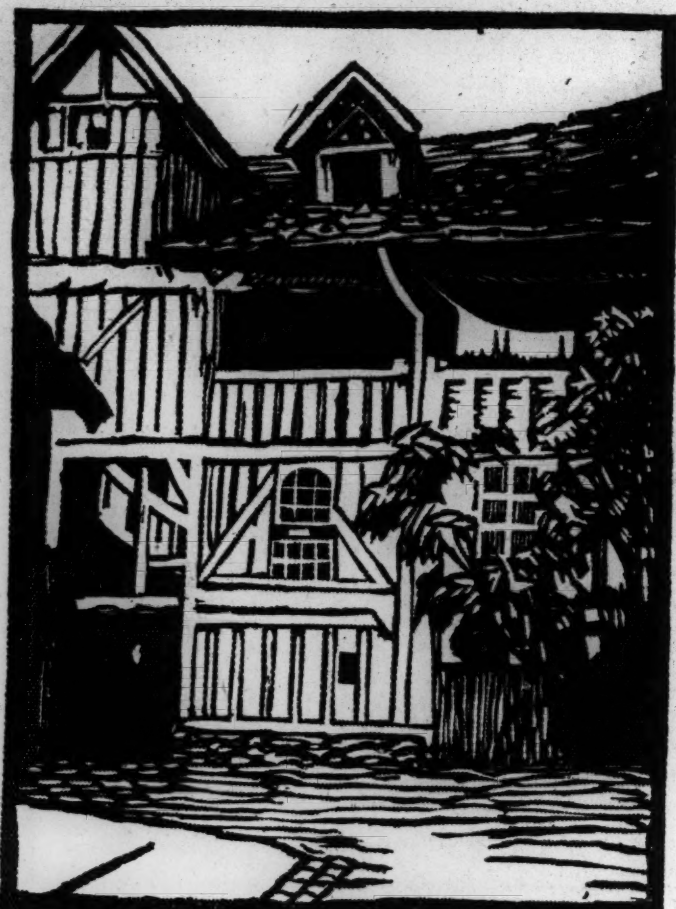
Chaucer as Artist

At the end of this second discussion Professor Manly once more protests that he does not wish to be the "victim of his own method." He

realizes that his results are even more speculative than were the results of his investigation of Chaucer's biography. "Whatever may have said or seemed to say," says he, "in the enthusiasm of developing my theme, . . . I am as far from believing that Chaucer merely photographed his friends and acquaintances as I am from believing that more abhorrent doctrine that he built up his matchless pictures of human life entirely by piecing together scraps. . . . His method of character drawing was, I believe, that of all good artists. From the experience and observations of his life, his imagination derived the materials for its creative processes."

In an all-too-short final chapter entitled "Chaucer as Artist," Professor Manly, after declaring that Chaucer is "securely placed as one of the three greatest poets who have written in English," and that among the three

his position seems likely to move up from the third to the second place, rapidly analyzes his art, his drift being that, contrary to popular notions, Chaucer was by no means a naive and unsophisticated genius, a "poet of the dawn, innocently lapsing in accents of beauty because he was near to nature and lived in a world as yet uncontaminated." The fourteenth century was quite as self-conscious as our and its poets felt themselves to be quite as "modern" as ours. Chaucer's effects were produced through the force of native genius, but his was still a conscious art, subject to planning and revision. In every department of literary composition, in diction, imagery, characteristic detail, establishing of atmosphere, dramatic portrayal of character and rapid and interesting narration, he is great, and the more he is studied the more his essential originality is perceived.



Courtyard of an Old Paper Mill, from Louis le Clercq's "Le Papier de Troyes" (Paris: Aux Editions de Pégase, 1925). Reproduced from the Booklet (Printed for Subscribers at Evanston, Ill.), Containing Notes Gathered by Theodore Westcott Kosh on the Florentine Book Fair, the Book Section of the Paris Exposition of Decorative Arts, and the German Book Exhibit at Columbia University.

More Masters of Music

Georges Bizet, by D. C. Parker. New York: Harper & Bros. \$2.

Arthur Seymour Sullivan, by H. Saxe Wyndham. New York: Harper & Bros. \$2.

Johannes Brahms, by Jeffrey Pulver. New York: Harper & Bros. \$2.

NEW series of character studies has enlarged the scope of "Masters of Music," first issued a season ago. Detailed accounts of the lives and works of Georges Bizet, Arthur Seymour Sullivan and Johannes Brahms are now added to the original trio of books dealing with Wagner, Schumann and Liszt. In putting together this group of books, the publishers have proceeded wisely. They have chosen different men to write the books, thereby giving to each volume an individual flavor. In general, each writer follows a common plan. First the incidents in the life of the composer are considered, and a detailed analysis of his works follows. A logical plan, then, holds the several books loosely but firmly.

The second group of musical biographies is more even in quality than the first. There is a calmly critical attitude toward each composer and his works. One feels that material has been selected not for the purpose of presenting a biased picture but in order to sketch an inclusive and many-sided study.

Brahms

Jeffrey Pulver, the author of the book dealing with Brahms, has produced an excellent and well-rounded

picture. To write an entire book on the subject of Johannes Brahms is not too simple an undertaking. The beauty of Brahms' life derives from the good deeds of a simple, kindly, industrious man. There are none of the flashing incidents which make a life of Wagner a veritable romance. Neither is there a meteoric rise to fame which attracts readers. There is only the story of a quiet man, who worked steadily and faithfully at his chosen task.

The romance of Brahms' life is to be found in the kindness with which he lavished on his friends and relatives. Robert Schumann had befriended Brahms when he needed championing from just such an authoritative source. Brahms never forgot this kindness, and remained a staunch friend of the Schumann family throughout his life. He brought a firm friendship and helpful understanding to Clara Schumann and to the children of the remarkable pair.

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chronologically through the text and in a special table in the appendix. Each is described, and its first performance as well as important subsequent hearings noted.

Sullivan and Bizet

Brahms presented a many-sided study, since he worked in so many fields of musical composition. The subjects of the other books, Sullivan and Bizet, show us a less varied genius. None the less, each holds definite interest for the reader. Recently many of the Sullivan operettas have been revived. They have always been popular with musical amateurs, who sought music of worth combined with texts of jollity. Mr. H. Saxe Wyndham's treatment of his subject is not so closely knit as that employed by Mr. Pulver, but it covers the ground, and presents to the reader a notion of theatrical conditions of the time.

Bizet, as drawn for us by D. C. Parker, was a man different in many details from the beset composer limited by earlier writers. Mr. Parker has analyzed his career carefully. He has considered the so-called failures of Bizet and shows that many of them were anything but failures. The man on whom so much sympathy has been expended now appears to have been sought after by managers and producers who piled him with orders for new works.

Trail-Makers of the Middle Border, by Hamlin Garland. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$2.50.

FOR more than 35 years the dean of American novelists has been making trails of understanding through the wilderness of pioneer history. Beginning with "Main-Travelled Roads" (in 1890) and continuing with "The Long Trail," "Other Main-Travelled Roads," and the recent chronicles of "A Son of the Middle Border" and "A Daughter of the Middle Border," he has constructed a memorial highway through the west out of the materials of his own experience. And in this latest narrative he sketches the march of his parents' contemporaries from New England into the middle borders just before the Civil War. Thus he rounds out the whole westward movement from its source on the Atlantic seaboard, tracing the course of the emigrants along the canal, across the great lakes to the Mississippi valley.

It is an old story, but ever new and thrilling, at least to Americans. The westward movement, the stern rocks and hills of Vermont finds escape opening up to him through the approach of the railroad and makes his way to Boston. Before long his winning qualities secure steady advancement and the promise of a prosperous business career, but the new magnet of California gold was arousing a new impulse of migration throughout the East, and the whole Graham family is swept into the westward tide.

Peace and War

Like thousands of others they declare that they have harvested their last crop of rocks, and like the majority set forth in hope of sudden wealth to be washed from shining sands from the Pacific but to be won by rewarding toil from the rich earth and forests of Wisconsin. How they hewed out their first home and how Richard learns the western ways of lumbering, planting, and harvesting until he founds a family of his own makes the story of the first half of the narrative (Book I: In Peace).

Eleven years pass; the events of '61 stir the middle border; our modest hero is swept into another tide and joins the ranks of those to whom Mr. Garland dedicates the rest of the novel (Book II: In War): "As a tribute to those brave and silent men, soldiers and civilians who served without adequate reward and without public commendation, as scouts and

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Zuni Folk Tales

The Seven Cities of Cibola, by Allen Nussbaum. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$2.

ALLEN NUSSBAUM is the wife of the superintendent of the Mesa Verde National Park and mother of Deric, who has just become author with his "Deric in Mesa Verde." Besides being wife and mother, Mrs. Nussbaum is a student of Indian lore and a weaver of beautiful words. Her rendering of Zuni folk tales has not only the mark of authenticity but the heartening lift of lovely imagery. As we read her little book we see part of the reason why 13-year-old Deric has been able to express himself so adequately. He says Mother gave him his English lessons.

On the other hand, Mrs. Nussbaum acknowledges a debt to her young son. She says that it was through him that she obtained the material for her book. Six years ago, when Mr. Nussbaum was assisting in the excavations at Hawikuh, one of the seven cities of Cibola, Deric, then seven, became a great favorite with the Indians employed on the work and was adopted into the Zuni tribe. They named him Te-cha-le, which means Pottery Child.

Te-cha-le, the old man told many tales, and Deric's mother, sitting quietly by, treasured up the

guides to Grant's armies in the West." What manner of man Grant was in every kind of stress we see through the eyes of Richard Graham, who became one of "the eyes of the army," and no more complete and intimate picture of the silent commander has ever been drawn. In technique Mr. Garland has never done finer work than in building up our impression of Grant through description of the dangers and hardships which such men as Graham sought to endure for him.

The Real Achievement

But more than this, the novelist succeeds also in conveying impressions of the life and attitude throughout the West during the war. And this is the real achievement of the book—the painting of the whole background of these western years, of its atmosphere, while apparently the simple narrative concerns itself with the ordinary experience of an ordinary youth.

It was this subtle power to reconstruct so rich an outline of that life which grew upon the present reviewer only when he came to refresh his memory some days after reading the volume through. He had first, he confessed, thought the narrative commonplace, but on coming back to it, he discovered that comprehensive and deep impressions of this stirring invasion of western lands emerged as a moving picture from Mr. Garland's pages. He then realized that the veteran novelist has made no concessions to the spectacular technique of the more extreme present-day realists; that he does not try to be "literary," but that he is content to set down simply the chronicle of the life which he and his fellow-pioneers actually lived. It is this obvious fidelity to his own experience, combined with his power to suggest the wide vistas stretching in all directions from his "main-travelled roads" that draw the reader (who may be fortunate enough to have the leisure) back to his trails again and again. Perhaps we shall learn that we must find leisure for such books if we would penetrate to the inner significance of the American experiment.

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ancient lore so lavishly poured into the ear of her child. Among the Zulis themselves these traditions are becoming forgotten or garbled, for they have no written language, and the young men are rapidly adopting new ways. Other writers, like Frank Hamilton Cushing, James and Matilda Cox, and Frederick W. Hodge, have preserved this lore for antiquarians; Mrs. Nussbaum has put it into writing for children and adults. The stories possess a high degree of imaginative beauty, which has been preserved in the transcription. The imagery, the simple ethics, the delicious artlessness of the communion between man and beast, make these tales fresh after a thousand years.

The tales are immeasurably enhanced by the beautiful illustrations done by Margaret Finnan, assistant in the Museum at the Mesa Verde National Park. Miss Finnan has based her drawings on authentic Zuni designs, costumes and objects. Many of the pictures are of double-page size and are printed in riotous colors. The pictures and the exceptionally good format, with the beauty of the tales themselves, make the book a joy.

Books Received

Inclusion of a book in this list does not necessarily indicate that it has the endorsement of The Christian Science Monitor.

Verses New and Old, by John Galsworthy. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.

A Year in the Wonderland of Trees, by Hallam Hawksworth. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.

The Page Cadets at Catalina, Vol. II, Sea Stories, by Robert A. Gibbs. Los Angeles, Calif.: Page Military Academy. \$1.75.

Spell Land, by Sheila Kaye-Smith. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. \$2.

Max Havelaar, by Multatuli (1860) translated by W. Siebenhaar. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$3.

German Colonization, Past and Future, by Heinrich Schnee. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$3.

Essays in Popular Science, by Julian Huxley. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$4.

The Civilization of the South American Indians, by Rafael Karsten. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$7.50.

Songs from the Heart of a Boy, by Jesse L. Lasker, Jr. New York: Boni & Liveright. \$2.

Robinson Jeffers, by George Sterling. New York: Boni & Liveright. \$1.

The River Flows, by P. L. Lucas. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$2.

A Woman in Exile, by Horace Annesley Vachell. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company. \$2.

Century Readings in the English Essay, edited by Leonard Bacon. New York: The Century Company. \$3.50.

Napoleon, The Man of Destiny, by Emil Ludwig, translated by Eden & Cedar Paul. New York: Boni & Liveright. \$5.

Tropical Cyclones, by Isaac M. Cline. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$5.

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Six Volumes of Verse

The Sea and the Dunes, and Other Poems, by Harry Kemp. Illustrated by Frank Dobson. New York: Brentano's. \$2.

Liliput, by Roberta Teale Schwartz. New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$1.50.

Star Gatherer, by Jamie Sexton Holme. New York: Harold Vinal. \$1.50.

Herb Woman, and Other Poems, by Eleanor C. Koenig. New York: Harold Vinal. \$1.50.

Eve Walks in Her Garden, by Louise Ayres Garnett. New York: The Macmillan Company. \$2.

Hamlet and Trifles, by Amy Spingarn. Illustrated by the Author. New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$2.50.

HERE are six of the new poetry volumes. There does not seem to be any notable sign of greatness in any one of them, yet they are fairly representative of that modern American verse which is put out by reputable publishers. Each one of these poets has his individual way of interpretation and expression. Quantity can, in a case like this, make some amends for quality. If comparisons are allowed, it strikes one that the several volumes rank in merit about in the order named above.

Harry Kemp is blessed with a vigor of expression which gives an illusion of weight to poems which generally have not much poetic avoirdupois. His subjects are pleasantly odd and for this reason his compositions often interest us more than would those of a poet who used stock motives. The author does not achieve poetic imagery very often, but he nevertheless is able to give a background feeling of aesthetic import.

Roberta T. Schwartz names her book "Liliput" after her initial poem, which is scarcely profound, elevating or beautiful. Most of her poems are not—though a number of them have passages embodying these qualities. She has the pleasing habit of isolating a small matter of life and poetizing on it. There is nice discrimination which may, in future work, lead the author much further than she has gone here. Her skill in projecting herself into nature is memorable.

"Star Gatherer" offers the reader much figurative beauty in word and

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The Etiquette of Eating

INTERNATIONAL table manners would be a great comfort! If such uniformity existed, there would then be no question as to the proper way to eat a soft-boiled egg: in which hand to hold the fork when carrying food from plate to mouth; or whether tines should point upward or downward when so doing. Such a universal code would decide whether two articles of silver were necessary for the proper eating of dessert and would settle many other details now at variance on opposite sides of the Atlantic. It gives one a "traveled" air to be equally familiar with other table manners than one's own and to be internationally correct in such details requires observation and practice. Well-mannered persons do the right thing at table, as well as elsewhere, without apparent thought or effort, and as good manners are all based on a combination of common sense, grace, efficiency and unselfishness, table manners which most nearly meet the test of these combined qualifications certainly have much to recommend them.

Even such a simple thing as the position of the spoon when taking any beverage from a cup is governed by these basic ideas. It is not only ungraceful to leave a teaspoon projecting from the cup, but it is actually selfish, as it silently invites a mishap which would inconvenience others. Thrust-out elbows are objectionable for similar reasons and any motion that necessitates projecting the arms is sure to be contrary to the recognized standard of good table manners. To take liquids from the tip of the spoon rather than the side gives an upward and outward sweep to the elbow which is anything but graceful and which is inefficient because it involves waste motion. It is obviously selfish, as all such motions interfere with the space belonging to those on either side. The mistake so often made of folding one's napkin at the close of a meal taken away from home carries with it the uncomplimentary thought that the napkin is to be used again before visiting the lavatory, so, unless one is to take several meals in the same household, the napkin should be loosely laid beside the plate when leaving the table. These small details are worthy of attention, as they indicate that there is a sound bit of reasoning back of almost every established rule of table etiquette. Regardless of where or by whom they are practiced, these and many other table and eating habits are not mere fads and vagaries of the moment, but may be considered as standardized by those accustomed to correct manners.

About Forks

Now that European trips are such an everyday occurrence, the traveler must be adaptable even in the matter of using those most ordinary of table implements, the knife and fork. The American method has been to cut off a mouthful of whatever food required a knife, such as meat or fowl, then to rest the knife on the side of the plate, shift the fork to the right hand and convey the detached morsel to the mouth with the tines pointing upward. The European obviates this shifting motion by retaining the fork in the left hand, with the tines pointing downward. The tines pierce the cut-off bit of food and carry it to the mouth, the knife still being held in the right hand ready for the next cutting motion. Soft foods, like croquettes, creamed or hashed meat, fish, all preparations of eggs and vegetables should be cut, when necessary, first with the edge of the fork held like a knife. After this the fork is turned in the hand, unconsciously, and used with the tines pointing upward to convey the morsel to the mouth. Naturally, however, the position of the tines depends on whether the food is of a nature that will remain impaled on the fork; otherwise it would be used spoon-fashion. One of the most important details of etiquette is the clutching of the fork in the clenched fist and the sawing across the food with the knife. Unpleasant as this seems when described, the sight is vastly more disagreeable. The fork should be used for all manipulations of vegetables, even to the placing thereof on butter, which should be pressed down on a yielding substance like potato, the tines of the fork pointing upward. At a formal meal, however, additional seasons are out of the question, as it is supposed to be in the nature of a criticism not to relish the food as it is served.

From Soup to Nuts

Soup-eating manners are among the few that have not taken into themselves any noticeable change. Every child should be early taught to dip his spoon away from him, lowering the outer rim of the spoon in doing so and always taking the liquid from the side rather than the tip of the spoon.

Fashionable salads make it almost compulsory to use a knife if one desires to eat more than the loosely detached portions. The compact section of lettuce is sometimes sufficiently hard-hearted to warrant the placing of a special knife for the salad course. This type of knife is usually easily distinguished by its somewhat broader blade, which is excellent for spreading soft cheese on crackers or aiding in other ways with salad accompaniments.

Dessert-eating methods have taken over some of the European ways and the American hostess who formerly prided herself on a specially designed ice cream implement that combined the virtues of spoon and fork, must now provide both a spoon and a fork, if she would be internationally correct. Whatever the dessert may be, these two pieces of silver are now usually provided, whether actually necessary or not. In the case of puddings or other desserts served with a sauce or cream, the advantage is with the fork in the left hand. It is easy to place the food in the spoon with which some of the sauce has been dipped up and which

carries the food to the mouth. The dessert spoon and fork are not held continually, but are rested on the plate now and then, between mouthfuls. This is equally the proper thing when using knife and fork for the main part of the meal. This occasional resting gives an air of ease which is desirable to acquire.

Fruit-eating is a much more dainty process if a knife and fork are used. The approved method is to pierce the side of the fruit firmly with the fork held in the left hand, prongs downward, and, so holding it, to draw the skin downward with the knife. After being halved and quartered, morsels are then cut off and eaten until only the stone or core, as the case may be, remains. In removing small fruit stones from the mouth, as when eating cherries, it is a graceful trick to make a funnel-shaped receptacle with the fingers of the left hand, closed at the bottom by the closely pressed little finger. Two or three



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stones may then be conveyed to the plate almost invisibly. The eating of any fruit at table presupposes a finger bowl.

Make Eating Inconspicuous
There are certain well-known articles usually classed as "finger foods," which changing table habits seem to have left as they were. Among the most common are celery, olives, salted nuts, and bonbons, crackers, small cakes and dainty sandwiches. Frosted and layer cakes, as well as large sandwiches with soft fillings, require a fork. In the case of a club or a salad sandwich both a knife and fork should be provided.

All restless motions of the hands must be avoided, particularly doing "finger exercises" on the tablecloth and rearranging of the small silver. The actual eating of food should not only be inaudible but also practically unnoticeable, and accompanied by nothing that may attract attention or seem eccentric. It should always appear to be casual and secondary to the enjoyment of social intercourse during the meal.

The Busy Mother Keeps Up With the Mending

A BUSY mother who found it difficult to keep up with the mending for her family of four children has adopted a plan that has solved most of her troubles.

When merchandise is delivered in big boxes, as is the case with underwear and socks, she saves the contents. Then, as she irons the clothes each week, those that need buttons go in one box, garments that need mending go into another, stockings in still another, and so on. Each box always contains pins, needles, thread and a thimble.

When the ironing is done the covers are slipped on the boxes and they are put away. The box with articles to be mended on the machine goes into a cupboard close to the sewing machine. The stocking box and the one containing clothes without buttons go into the built-in bookcase near the fireplace, where she can easily reach them from her favorite rocking-chair in the living room. On the same shelf she keeps a box of buttons and snaps, and she uses only one kind of buttons and snaps on all her children's clothing, so no time is ever spent looking for a button or snap to match another.

When she sits down to rest or to wait a few minutes for the children her mending box is close at hand. As each stocking is mended it is tossed into a basket, and at some other convenient time the pairs are mated and left in the basket on a table near the stairs. The next time she sits down to rest or to wait a few minutes for the children she takes the basket with her and puts the stockings in the drawers where they belong. Another day the basket receives the clothes on which missing buttons have been sewed, and at another convenient time the garments that have been mended. All these articles are disposed of only in connection with other duties.

Darns and Rents

A great deal of mending can be done on the machine even more neatly and uniformly than by hand. The use of darning attachments on their sewing machines, and others accomplish just as good results by holding the material smooth about a small hole by means of little embroidery hoops and drawing the threads back and forth as they stitch until the hole is filled in neatly. Still other women mend beautifully by holding the cloth with their hands as

they guide it back and forth under the needle. This method is such a time-saver that its perfection is well worth the effort demanded to learn it.

A tear in cloth that must be mended by hand frequently finds one out of thread to match the material. A thread from the cloth, carefully drawn from the under part of a

seam, will, if very carefully done, enable one to mend the tear so it will be difficult to find. For very neat darning on articles other than stockings, basic use is made of a piece of fine mosquito netting a little larger than the hole. Darn in and out, following the meshes of the net and there will result not only a prettier, but also a more lasting job. Sometimes a piece of lace with fine mesh may be used to advantage in the same way on wash materials.

A torn garment is often most easily mended by turning the material wrong-side-out, placing the torn edges as closely together as possible, and whipping them lightly on the wrong side. Turn the garment back and darn it as usual on the right side. This works especially well on woolen goods and material that ravel easily.

Elastic Loops

One of the most troublesome tasks a mother has to face is that of keeping her son together at the waist line. Boys have no respect whatever for buttons and buttonholes that hold trousers and waists together. By placing on the back waistbands of the trousers loops of round elastic instead of buttonholes, one can save many a minute. When the boy stoops, all the strain comes on the loops that merely give and do not pull out at the waist over and over so that when finished the button is held to the garment by the flexible elastic.

In sewing buttons on other garments for children, begin on the right side and sew back and forth twice before laying the button on the waist. On boys' clothes, lay a piece of tape on the under side of the material and sew through that. With the knot of the thread on the right side of the goods and under the button, the knot is less apt to be worn off and the button comes off very seldom.

Playing Seamstress

Sometimes there is so much sewing and mending to be accomplished that it seems impossible to find the time for it all among the multiplicity of home duties. A plan that works well in one household may be useful to other mothers. For two or more days a week a certain woman pretends that she is a seamstress engaged to turn out a definite amount of work in a given time. On these days her husband and children are supplied with lunches to eat outside. They seem to

enjoy the change once in a while. When this woman puts up their lunches she prepares one for herself and places the plate in the refrigerator so that all she has to do when she is hungry is to take it out and eat what is on it.

On the day before such an orgy of sewing it is a good plan to prepare appetizing dishes for dinner to follow the picnic lunches. On the great morning arrange the house in as good order as possible without doing much extra work and try to begin sewing by 9 o'clock, as a seamstress would. Eat at noon and rest for an hour, then work until 5 o'clock. Stop

What would be designated today

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In lieu of bristles the useful sides of these implements are roughened by small stone chips added to the clay before firing, and look capable of doing drastic work. Despite their beauty, one feels that the luxury of bathing has increased during the

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Sculptural Brushes From Mesopotamia

THERE are in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 13 little earthenware brushes, round, triangular and rectangular, which once served the purpose of scrubbing brushes for the human beings who in the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries removed the grime of daily toil in the public baths of North Mesopotamia and Persia.



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for the day and get a good hot dinner. To make this method a success, ordering and shopping must be done beforehand, friends must be asked not to telephone or call and every other interruption guarded against. Then, if it is possible to go in the evening to some affair which is refreshing and stimulating the day will have its right balance of accomplishment and diversion.

Stenciled Baggage

WHEN traveling, it is a great convenience, in railroad stations and elsewhere, to have a bag or suitcase to pick out one's own baggage instantly, but this usually is difficult to do since many trunks look pretty much alike, as do many suitcases.

The identification can be made easily, however, if one will first mark each piece either with one's initials or with some other design, as a simple, conventional design of straight lines and curves, such as are used for furniture, but of good size. A stencil should be made and the mark put not only on the front of each piece of baggage but on the top and sides as well. One woman before going abroad stenciled an attractive design on all sides of each piece of her baggage, using a conspicuous hue, of course, more effective in color—orange, for example. This stenciling of one's baggage, especially if an attractive and suitable design is used rather than initials, really improves the appearance of the baggage and is in no way objectionable. A stencil may be bought in the stores and ordinary paint is used with it. The work is easily and quickly done.

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A Museum to Aid the Study of Design

LOCATED at Lawrence, Kan., is the "Thayer Memorial Collection," which is an unusual acquisition for a school. It was decided to the University of Kansas in 1917 by Mrs. W. B. Thayer. She had been 40 years in gathering it, and had it in her thought during that time to present it to the institution. The building in which it is housed was formerly the university library, and has been successfully adapted to the needs of a museum. The material is valued at \$250,000, and has been arranged very tastefully by the curator of the museum in such a way as to make its study by the students as convenient as possible. Mrs. Thayer's choice of objects was made with the idea of adaptability to the study of design.

The first floor is devoted chiefly to ceramics and glassware, including Bristol ware, Majolica, old Italian and Spanish china, Japanese porcelain, Satsuma bowls, a dish of the Sung period (960-1279), old Staffordshire ware, and many other rare and interesting specimens. There are also Bohemian glass of amber and gold, and ancient Roman and Egyptian glass. Other quaint pieces show various types of luster decoration. Japanese and Korean cloisonné, Hispano Moresque luster, blue Delft ware, and a Damascus plate indicate the wide and desirable range of examples shown.

One also sees several pieces of silver from Guatemala and Italy. Carved ivory in many forms, useful and ornamental, shows the skill and patience of the Chinese. Several cases are especially built for the display of embroidery, and have many shallow drawers. The arrangement is very convenient for those desiring to study the designs of the fabrics.

Two small rooms in the museum are furnished with Colonial objects. One of them shows examples of Heppelwhite, Sheraton, and Chippendale styles of furniture. In the center of the room is a tilt-and-turn table with pleated edge and snake feet. A bright green model of the Mayflower adds a note of color. Quaint Staffordshire figures of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington adorn the top of the Heppelwhite sideboard. On the wall are early American portraits and flower paintings, and a Willard banjo clock. Lilac-patterned chintz covers the windows.

The Pilgrim room on the second floor has an attractive display of spinning wheels, a flax hackler, a card, and a large collection of hand-woven coverlets. In this room are children's chairs, early American slat-back chairs, dated 1725, and other pieces of the period. Elsewhere is an exhibit of American Indian and Japanese musical instruments, a piano of the late eighteenth century and a drum of Revolutionary times.

Among the most valuable of the rugs are a Spanish of the sixteenth century and a rare old Persian of the seventeenth century. A group of French dolls represents the court of Marie Antoinette, while another is from Japan.

One room is devoted entirely to

old samplers. These are chiefly American, though there are also examples of Spanish, Chinese, Italian, English, Dutch and Indian among



UPPER—HOMESPUN AND WOVEN COVERLETS AND SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT USED BY THE MAKERS. LOWER LEFT—SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CHINTZ-ON-BASE AND "MAYFLOWER" MODEL. LOWER RIGHT—WILLIAM AND MARY PERIOD CABINET, CHIPPENDALE STYLE CHAIRS, WILLARD BANJO CLOCK, AND OLD CHINTZ DRAPERIES.

phases of art and antiques. There are several yellowed manuscripts of historical value. Although the collection is intended primarily for the use of the students, it is proving of much interest and value to outsiders, who are also welcome to enjoy the wealth of material on display.

Antiquarian Bits in Washington, D.C.

NOT far from the White House in the City of Washington is a small museum of Italian and other antiques, lately opened in one of a row of historic old houses on Jackson Place fronting Lafayette Park, a spot remembered by all tourists who have visited the American capital. The collectors and exhibitors of this unique display are two world-wide travelers, Dr. Alfred F. Hopkins and Charles Mason Remey, both of them favorably known not only in Washington but in many other cities of America and abroad. The proximity of the quaint statue by Clark Mills, "General Jackson on the Rocking Horse," as it is irreverently called, and the square-shaped, old-fashioned corner residence of Admiral Stephen Decatur, lend an atmosphere quite favorable to the exhibition, including as it does American Colonial furniture, old clocks, china, pewter, and fire-arms.

The group of Florentine art objects, probably the largest in Washington, was gathered by Mr. Remey during a sojourn of several months in Italy last year. His keen architectural knowledge, gained not only at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris but by long residence and study in other European cities, enabled him to procure a number of original pieces of the Medici styles, and in addition some excellent examples of Italian workmanship in reproduction. The clock shop along the Arno River, on the left bank near the Pitti Palace in Florence, still yield a rich harvest to the discerning collector. As yet not too many American globe trotters have learned the way to them in their often hasty visits to this intellectual and artistic capital of the Renaissance.

A Varied Collection In the Italian rooms of the museum one finds Tuscan chests of carved wood, 6 feet long, bound with hand-wrought iron in the famous workmanship of Italy. The Savonarola chairs—their curved slat seats without a back—will be recognized at once as reproductions of those in the cell of the martyred reformer, still preserved in the monastery of San Marco. Other chairs are the "sedili" with arms, and the leather-covered Dante type. There are several refectory tables, originals and copies, and others beautifully inlaid; bureaus; a Tuscan dresser or sort

of sideboard with a chest-like top and drawers. An inlaid Lombard chair has a cartouche carving. The carved Florentine benches suggest those of a Fra Angelico "Last Supper." Torchères and candelabra in wood and in iron bring back the grandeur of a medieval banquet. The Venetian boxes are originals, carved and decorated in color, and of great value. Another genuine antique, not Italian, is a French Louis XV cabinet, considered one of the handsomest pieces ever brought to America.

Excellent in Detail Rose colored and gold brocades and velours in Florentine design lend warmth to the ensemble and remind us that these pieces are now very difficult to procure, especially the needle-point brocade. Jewel caskets in both originals and reproductions form another pleasing feature, as do the Florentine and Siennese carved picture frames, done in color in the favorite Medici designs. A sixteenth-century Italian wood carving of Saint John the Baptist stands on one of the tables.

The exquisite workmanship of the Italian craftsmen in the silver tankards, plaques and salt-cellars of Benvenuto Cellini, is evident in the iron work, wood carving and "ofevri" seen here, and will well repay a visit.

Congreve and Willard Clocks Travelers who claim no interest in foreign antiques may still find pleasure in viewing the American and other relics gathered by Dr. Hopkins, who chats entertainingly of them. A collection of fantastic old weapons, knives and daggers, from all over the world, picked up by him in various places and under strange circumstances, is shown at the Sesquicentennial under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

A rare Congreve clock is among the choicest pieces in his Washington display. F. J. Britten, in his "Old Clocks and Watches and Their Makers," describes this curious masterpiece of openwork mechanical construction of over 100 years ago. Dr. Hopkins has shown a fondness for New England relics, and readily talks for an hour with an interested visitor. A Simon Willard clock was recently acquired by him, its peculiar charm being that it is made in the form of the lighthouse, the face being protected under a bell-shaped glass globe. An American eagle of antiquity, perched above an old New England highboy, lends a patriotic touch to the otherwise dignified and almost somber character of these rooms of period furniture, now opened to the public.

An English Minor Hobby

London, Eng. Special Correspondence "WHATEVER are these curious things on your walls?" asked a friend, indicating our collection of carvers' brasses, or horses' face-plates, as they are called in some parts of the country. We explained that they were or-

ites when the followers of Gideon "took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks." The ornaments in this case were doubtless of the well-known crescent form which is so much used in horses' brasses of the present day.

Passed Down the Family "The brasses belong to the carvers," volunteered our saddler, "and not to the owners of the horses. They are very proud of them, sometimes passing them down in their families from one generation to the next. You will often find one or two old pieces on the cottagers' walls. Nowadays they are not made in the same way; too much brass in the old ones I suppose! The kind we sell now are merely imitations and are all machine stamped, and he took one out of the tiny window to show us the difference."



THE WHEEL

naments worn on the foreheads of cart-horses, or slung on their harness, adding: "We began to collect them many years ago, directly we heard that the stamped brass was being substituted for the cast. You can tell the difference between the two kinds by the weight, the cast being much heavier, and also by the



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We turned again to the collection. "Here is one, a star, in the crescents. We often wonder what its history can have been, for the design is so obviously irregular; and here is another that we cherish greatly, a battered old heart that we picked up close to Pembroke Castle. Here are two bells that swing with the movement of the horse; and here is a shell, a symbol of the pilgrim's scallop-shell which was used in the Middle Ages as a bowl for charitable aims. I think we have nearly 100 different designs altogether."

Interesting Study The study of horses' brasses is a remarkably interesting one, leading the student back along the paths the gypsies took and the tracks made by nomad tribes to many far-reaching lands, from Spain to ancient Egypt, and from Egypt to the depths of Assyria. The study of the matter-of-fact twentieth century, the brasses help to brighten England's May Day processions; they also twinkle in friendly fashion upon our modern walls, hardly fulfilling the purpose for which they were made, but forming a never-ending source of interest to our friends who stand before them in wonderment and exclaim, "What mean ye by these fascinating things?"

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THERE seems to be much uncertainty concerning the correct answer to the question, "When and where were hooked rugs first made?" Recent writers who have

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HOOKED YARN RUG ABOUT 3/4x5/8 FEET.

given careful attention to the subject place the date in the first quarter of the nineteenth century, and in so doing base their judgment mostly on indirect evidence. Our own observation has been somewhat cursory and our earliest dated piece being marked 1877. This figure is, of course, far too late to include some of the finest examples in the same group, which are without date or other record accounting for their age with authority.

Having only this amount of personal knowledge, we were much gratified to see recently in a Wellesley home the particularly fine example of hooked yarn rug here pictured. The owner, Miss Worthington, states that it is the handiwork of her great-grand-uncle, a Mrs. Jenkins, who made it between the years of 1810 and 1814. Our illustration clearly shows the breadth and balance of the design, but of necessity fails to suggest the rich mellowness of the colors or the remarkably good condition of the fabric. Obviously it has had but little wear, and the statement of the two owners assures us that it has always been used with the greatest of care. As proof of this, it was said that for many years it was kept rolled up in the little-used home parlor and was spread only on arrival of special guests. When these had departed it was again placed out of reach and risk of wear.

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THERE has been a notable change in the character of the books published on antiques within the last 20 years. The earlier writers and most of the later ones have concerned themselves chiefly with defining, explaining and picturing more or less distinctly marked classes of furniture. In some cases attention has been given to domestic and social customs of the years which the particular styles prevailed. In other, little or no notice is taken of these matters, the whole aim of the author being given to extensively illustrating and dating a wide range of subjects, largely of the more unusual sort.

Charles Over Cornelius has done quite otherwise in his new book, "Early American Furniture," published by The Century Company at \$4. In his foreword he states: "Essential to a balanced view of the whole subject, to the acquisition of a proper sense of values, and to a real conception of the place of such works is the general treatment which presents in consecutive fashion the whole background of the subject."

He happily assists us in forming a correct sense of values and to think of furniture as a human narrative, recorded chiefly in wood, and extending in this case from Pilgrim days to the Victorian. What people used in their homes at any particular time depended on many things. Among these are prevailing economic conditions; the commercial relations of their country with the foreign; the neighbors, domestic and foreign; the degree of culture; the regard for art in their daily life and, of course, their material prosperity.

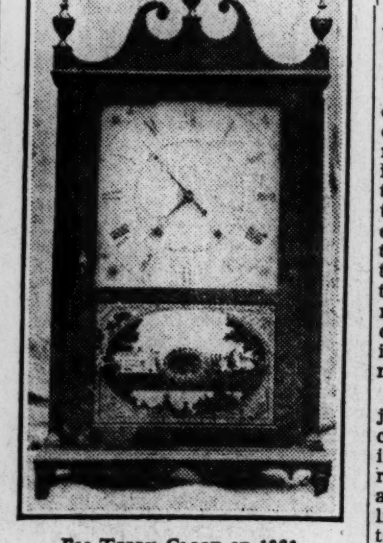
Although never forgetting the subject of his work, the author is concerned largely with causes. In looking for these his vision is clear, correct and comprehensive. It is actuated by a balanced knowledge of political conditions, social customs, intellectual progress and artistic taste. These influences affected the lives of citizens and were reflected in the things found in their homes. Thus the objects of their choice, and of our concern as collectors, acquire a significance and importance that may well be widely recognized.

European Influences This book starts, indeed, with the beginning of European influences on the American side of the Atlantic, for it opens with the time of the discovery. The interests of Spain, France and England in art and commerce are broadly sketched, as are the motives which caused them to turn eagerly westward. Gaining thus the purpose and the viewpoint of the early settlers, we are prepared to understand something of their habits, their hopes and environment. Into this setting, material and mental, the author throws pictures of the prevailing home life and shows us the degree to which the utilitarian arts are in evidence there. Many original sources contribute intimate details that vividly portray home exteriors, interiors, and fittings, as well as the manners and prevailing thought of the period.

them. One is dated 1749 and depicts Moses and Aaron standing on either side of a tablet bearing the Ten Commandments. Another is dated 1809, and has a detailed picture of an early model steam engine. An English sampler of 1800 has on it a map of a section of England, with

chase remained through her life Mrs. Marsh's greatest material household treasure and comfort, and its story was told frequently in after years to her children and grandchildren.

This Eli Terry clock is of special interest as it bears a label in perfect condition, and carries its original three brasses. Naturally it is prized by the granddaughter of the man who bought it. Though she has been offered two or three times its market value she still clings to it as one of the few things which con-



ELI TERRY CLOCK OF 1823

nects her with the past of which she is so fond. While we have quite full information concerning the business life of Eli Terry and his sons, it is a satisfaction to be able to place a particular style of his product with a definite date of which there can be no question.

According to the best available records, this type of clock sold in those days for \$40. I have not at hand the going prices for cows and calves, but the value represented at least the then prevailing price for Terry's product. We do know that skilled labor was at the rate of 50 cents a day and it is probably fair to say that \$1 in those days would buy at least four times what it will now. That being the case, such Terry clocks brought the equivalent of \$150 in present money. About eight years ago one was purchased complete with the brasses for \$22, which was a good price at that time. Since then there have been several chances to buy them for much less, and now they sell for from \$50 up.

Bought With a Cow and a Calf

OCCASIONS that give one an intimate glimpse into home life problems and a century ago do not come often, so I was pleased with an opportunity to talk with Mrs. Chase of Waltham, who has a lively and well-poised mind and a clear, accurate memory. The story she tells concerns her parents and an Eli Terry clock and happened in 1823.

Mrs. Chase was the youngest of seven children, and her father, Isaac Marsh, when she was born lived in the town of Chazy, now Altona, N. Y. Before a clock seller drove up to their isolated farmhouse one day in that year, the only timepiece in the family was her father's watch.

When he was away and the day was cloudy Mrs. Marsh had to guess at the proper time for getting the noonday meal. If the sun was shining she was never in doubt, for on the ledge of the south window she had a "noon mark" that was reliable the year round. The suggestion of having one of the clocks from the wagon at the door meant far more to her than to her husband. As most of the domestic needs were supplied from the products of the acres which surrounded the home, helped out by the many-sided industry of those who lived there, things which could not be grown or made were usually secured by exchange or barter, therefore the clock dealer was not discouraged when told that there was not money to cover the price charged.

Handsome Timepiece The clock man was as good a salesman as many of the domestic appliance distributors of today, who may think their generation is the first to introduce their goods on a trial basis. The handsome timepiece with the slender columns on the side, and with a graceful scroll top decorated with three brass ornaments, was brought into the house and set up and started on the kitchen shelf. This was in the autumn of the year and the clock seller offered to leave it there until the next spring, well knowing that if it stayed that long some deal could be made. Mr. Marsh insisted that the conditions be settled then and there, and in lieu of cash the dealer agreed to take in payment a cow and a two-year-old heifer. When he came back he was dissatisfied with the appearance of the cow, claiming that she had grown thin during the winter and that he should have a fatter one instead. Mr. Marsh told him that if he did not like the trade he could take his clock and go along. At this the dealer capitulated and though apparently dissatisfied he drove the two animals away with him. This pur-

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THE HOME FORUM

The Things Which Are Sappho's

THOUGH one may never hope to be numbered among the scholars, the translators or the critics who keep bright the flame of Sappho's memory, still it is possible to share the glorious heritage through them. Without their knowledge of the supreme singer's so-called dialect one it is true, may not know the finished and brilliant style, the ardor and the simplicity of the original text as revealed in even the most fragmental of the fragments; yet to know the meters, similes and themes, the things that are Sappho's by the unchallenged right of priority of singing, is at once the privilege and the pleasure of her most insignificant admirer, who does not distinguish Alpha from Omega.

To look upon the rose and be reminded that twenty-five hundred or more years ago its Lesbian likeness was loved and celebrated in song by the greatest poet of all lands and all ages adds to its perfume surely. For the rose is Sappho's beyond questioning, though Pindar has the second place. How great the space allotted to it in the nine lost books may safely be imagined from the frequency with which it occurs in the fragments. It is her favorite flower, her favorite simile for beautiful maidens and for the forearm of the Graces. Because she so evidently considers it "the king of the flowers," scholars once attributed to her the famous song of the rose translated by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. And for the same reason poets have celebrated her great love for it and termed her own songs roses.

The second place in Sappho's garden might well be assigned to the hyacinth by reason of the lovely lines in the fragment of wedding song, as well as widely known as anything that has survived the years and by some considered the most attractive flower simile of all literature:

The hyacinth so sweet
On the hills where the herdsmen go
Is trampled 'neath their feet.
And its purple bloom laid low.

Thus sang the chorus of youths in the hymeneal pageant and it is evident that the hyacinth of the simile was neither of the hothouse nor of the garden but of the wild Lesbian meadows where flourished also the dainty anemone, the melilot, the violet, the lily, the golden pulser and other small and common flowers beloved of the poetess, so happily portrayed in her lyrics.

It is hardly possible to pass by the wedding song without mention of its other famous simile, that of the unplucked pippin, sung tauntingly by the chorus of maidens in reply to the men:

On the top of the topmost spray
The pippin blushes red,
Forgot by the gatherers—nay!
Was it "forgot" we said?
"Twas too far overhead!"

Though the apple is found elsewhere in the fragments, this is "Sappho's"

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Winter Pictures

(Colorado)

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A blue jay,
Flying through snow-draped trees,
Swaying on frosted boughs,—
Undaunted, fearless, free,
Calling lustily:
While sundown fires,
Burn to ashes,
In the star-sown west.

White hills—

That rise at dawn,
Frozen and tremulous
With breathing trees,—
Shining battlements
In the morning sun;
At noon, silent,
Benumbed, and coldly
Glittering:

Slating at dusk
Through softly falling snow,
Dreaming,
Beneath the silver light
Of stars,
When day is done.

A red-winged blackbird,
Drops with wings outspread,
Poised, with its fiery tips
Melting the ashen bed,
Their glow, and glory, shed
Upon the sleeping flowers.

SARAH WILSON MIDDLETON.

The critics seem divided as to whether or not Keats is indebted to her for his most exquisite ode. Some find therein her passionate spirit and the chiseled loveliness of her craftsmanship; and one, who shall be nameless, finds an echo of her famous second ode as well.

The Evening Star is likewise the Lesbian by reason of more than one choice fragment. "Fairest of all the stars that shine," she sang in the ode to Hesperus of which no more remains; "The Bringer home of all good things," she sang in the hymn which many an English poet has echoed. Other stars and the moon appear in the famous third fragment:

The moon high-hung in the hollow night
Releaseth stars her silver tide;
Swift, swift the stars withdraw their light,
And their diminished glories hide.

However, it is in the recently discovered Ode to Attis that her most beautiful moon simile is to be found. There it is not a silver, but a rosy-fingered moon that throws lines of light on her retinue of stars, and spreads a far-flung lane of beams over sea and meadow. In the mid-night fragment is another picture:

Under the western seas
The pale moon settles and the Pleiades.

The sun, too, is Sappho's and all the bright hours of the Lesbian day no less than its matchless night. She reflects its light even as the clouds of morning and of evening or, as the storied rainbow. "The outspread sunshine of noon" and "the golden-sandalled dawn" are other familiar references revealing her love and knowledge of it.

Golden is a beloved and oft-recurring simile which might derive from the orb of light as well as from the precious metal. Golden are the Muses and their gifts, also the house wherein they dwell; golden is Aphrodite's throne, her crown, her cups for nectar, her handmaidens; golden is the vetch upon the shore; and like some such golden flower is her own little daughter of the fragment:

I have a maid, a bonny maid,
As dainty as the golden flowers.
My darling Cleis. Were I paid
All Lydia, and the lovely bowers
Of Cyprus, 'twould not buy my maid.

"Gold is pure of rust" and "Gold is a child of Zeus" she sang again of the bright metal which is evidently not the miser's but the poet's. She loved it as a symbol of wealth but of beauty and immortality.

However, she did not disdain the gifts of wealth. "Wealth without virtue cannot make me happy, nor virtue without wealth, therefore grant both virtue and wealth" is the substance of the hundredth fragment, echoed in so many languages since her day. Still did she chide, "Foolish woman, pride not thyself upon a ring." "Handsome is that handsome does." Her sermons and her tendency to sarcasm needs no reminder one of her fervent Roman disciples, Horace, whose intimations of immortality might have had their origin in her own proud boast: "I say some one will think of us hereafter."

Love itself, yes, her theme of themes being human love there is scarcely a phase of it she does not touch upon. Mother-love, natural and tender, is embodied in the Cleis fragment quoted above. Sister-love appears in the so-called Neroid Ode, addressed to her brother Charaxus.

"The dear love of comrades," which Walt Whitman has celebrated, is likewise evident in many an exquisite ode. To Attis and to Anactoria, the Lesbian maidens who were her pupils and friends, the world is indebted for the most beautiful love poems of all literature.

The Ode to Anactoria, known to scholars as the second ode, and sometimes spoken of as merely Sappho's ode, is beyond all doubt the most famous of her lyrics. The Latin translation by Catullus is considered the most beautiful, but English poets have not hesitated to translate and paraphrase it from the time of Sir Philip Sidney to our own. Smollett included his version in Roderick Random, Tennyson his in Eleanore. Poe echoed it in one of his verses and furthermore published a translation by Mary E. Hewitt in the Broadway Journal. It has become a pattern for poets. Yet one might question whether the newly discovered Ode to Attis will not in time replace it.

Sappho's affection for Anactoria is the theme of this song also, which takes the form of a letter to Attis. Exaggeration has less place in it and a delicacy more pleasing to modern ears results.

To Sappho by the right of cognate belongs the epithet "bitter-sweet" as a synonym for human love. To her is attributed the first personification of the abstract and the inanimate.

The stanza of strophe which she invented bears her name which legend says was of her own application. Sapphoes are common in English poetry from Sir Philip Sidney to Sara Teasdale. What is called a loose specimen of the measure, is found in Canning's famous—

Needy knife-grinder! whither are you going?

F. H.

Old Boston in Lincolnshire

Boston in Lincolnshire owes

most of its ancient fame and

much of its present interest to

the river haven round which are

to be found the most interesting relics

of its history, though the little port

has lost in importance owing to the

gradual silting up of the wash and

the sleepy streams which flow into it.

The cutting of a new channel for the

Witham in the last seven miles of

its course has diverted the cross-

wash of tides which sometimes

caused much trouble. At low tide in

summer one could wade the river

on foot but for the deep banks of

mud whose iridescent gleam gives

a special beauty of color and light in

the misty sunshine characteristic of

the East Anglian town. On such

days the river, the houses and the

soaring tower of the great church

repose in a tranquil dream.

Names of the famous old American

Puritans linger above the shop doors

and tavern signs; a few miles into

the fen are the hamlets of New York

and of Bunker Hill. An atmosphere

of the past broods over the ancient

town and the solitary wide-spreading

marshes between it and the sea.

Strong and deep tides still scour

the narrow channel, undermining

the old dwellings and warehouses

along the quays so that all are pic-

turesquely tilted, and the pleasant

gardens and shady alleys which ran

along the north bank crumble more

and more into the water with every

season. Here, two hundred years ago,

poets like the solid and spacious houses

of the well-to-do citizens. Many of these,

such as Ingelwood House, the home of

the poet's grandfather, and its

neighbor, Holden House, possess fine

architectural qualities. Along the op-

posite bank runs the High Street,

whose lower stories are flooded

when a strong wind drives in the

spring or autumn tides. Some of

the floors are stained bright red by

the inundations of salt water. "But

there," says an old dame who has

clung to her riverside home for twenty

years and would certainly be happy

nowhere else, "it comes in at the

back door, but it runs out at the

front!"

Sometimes a familiar odor, ming-

ling with the salt, announces that

the smelts are coming in with the tide,

and Boston's male population, great

and small, turns out to line the banks

in silent concentration between the

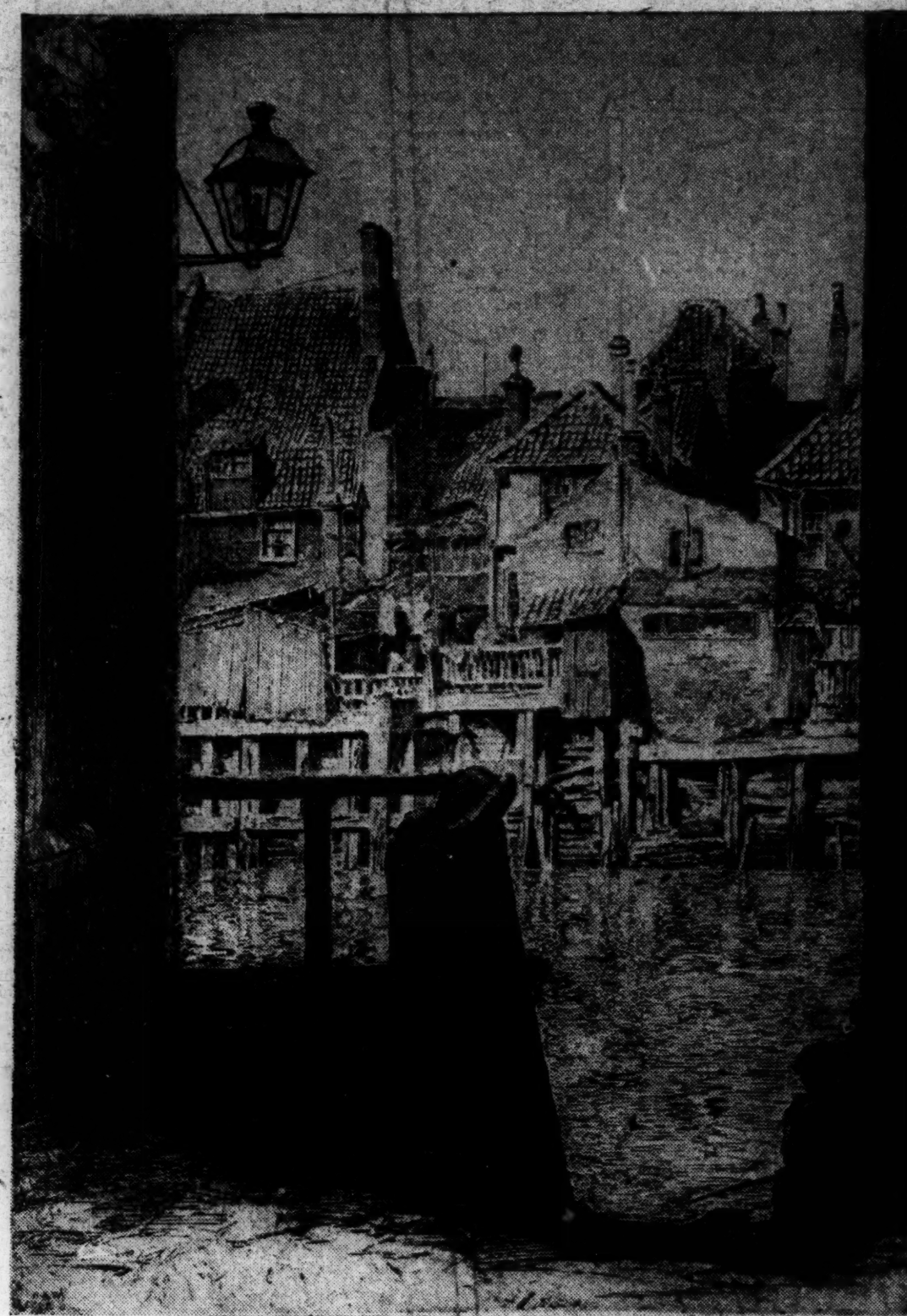
town bridge and the grand sluice

beyond which the smelts cannot

pass.

Clearing

The forest has been brushed back



Old Boston. From an Etching by B. Eyre Walker

A Reservation New Year's Day

New Year's Day on the Cheyenne

reservation was ushered in with

brilliant pageantry. The sky was

clear for the first time in weeks; its

cold drabness had vanished; it was

shot through with feelers of the

faintest pink. These deepened; a

carmine glow overspread all; it was

replaced with burnt orange and the

sun rose over the eastern hills, kiss-

ing with silver the South Canadian,

which amid its fogs flowed dark and

sullen had its load of ice and snow.

An early bustling began at the

school. A dinner was to be served

to the patrons of the school, and the

odor of bread and cakes and pies

was wafted out upon the winter air.

About eleven o'clock the Indians

arrived at the old office building. Their

wagons were left there and in

groups they waddled up the path to

the school. Squaws were dressed in

blankets of red, blue, gold, red,

green—indeed, every color was to

be seen in this primitive parade.

Some had paposes strapped to their

backs; some led small children

whose clothing almost touched the

ground; others came as visitors, but

the holiday spirit was strong upon

all.

As the bell rang for noon, the

warriors came up the walk, also

wearing blankets. Ah, was it such a

picture as this that inspired Long-

fellow's "Hiawatha"? Enough to in-

spire a lesser poet! How one's

imagination ran riot as for the first

time he beheld this picturesqueness!

All too soon the day was over. The

parents lingered—the little ones

watched them go with longing eyes;

the wagons were seen to leave the

office building; the sun's slanting

rays lit up the snow-covered campus

which was studded with nature's

rarest diamonds; the cedar trees,

still decked with snow, became regal

Christmas trees; a hush fell upon

the reservation as the last wagon

was seen slowly wending its way

over the snow-clad hills in the dis-

tance. The trees in the orchard in

front of the office building stretched

out gaunt limbs which looked like

Abitatori del Monte della Santità

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L'ANTICA concezione della di-
mora dei giusti, di coloro che
avevano lavati e resi bianchi i
loro vestimenti, era quella di un
luogo elevato, di una collina sacra, la
cui ascesa era stata compiuta
attraversando difficoltà e tribolazioni.
Questa dimora dei giusti era cono-
sciuta sotto il nome di Sion, il Monte
della Santità, e questa figura vien
conservata in tutto l'Antico Testa-
mento. Davide rese chiara l'idea che
solo coloro che erano preparati pote-
vano diventare abitatori della cima di
questo monte dei

AMONG THE RAILROADS

By FRANKLIN SNOW

DUE to the pressure of work and the innumerable matters brought before the Interstate Commerce Commission, recommendations have been made that the commission be divided into regional boards to sit in various sections of the country. The plan is opposed generally both by railroad men and shippers.

If sectional boards were created, it is pointed out by R. S. Stubbs, of the Merchants' Association of New York, a central appeal board would be necessary or there would be several rulings on the same point by the various boards. But with a higher "court" to which an appeal could be made, the dissatisfied side would take the matter up to the highest board with resultant added cost of money and time. Also, Mr. Stubbs adds, "if the complainant could not afford to appeal, he would have to accept the regional decision instead of getting a final decision as at present."

One of the difficulties of the present system is the length of time in getting a case before the commission and obtaining a ruling. The commission finds it difficult to hold competent examiners on its staff at the prevailing rates of salary (these examiners often taking the place of a commissioner in receiving testimony and preparing tentative decisions).

By the granting of a suitable appropriation, which would enable the present I. C. C. to pay its staff officers a sufficient salary, it is believed much of the present delay would be averted. It also appears probable that by the creation of bureaus of the commission in various sections, where local rate hearings could be conducted and adjusted without reference to the commission itself, shippers would not always be required to travel to Washington to testify in relatively unimportant cases.

Mr. Cox Leaves I. C. C.
The precedent set by President Coolidge in not reappointing Frederick I. Cox of New Jersey to the Commerce Commission is generally regretted. With five years of experience, railroad men contend that he was qualified to handle the volume of work to better advantage than a newcomer. Mr. Cox's retirement from the commission leaves the St. Paul case in a precarious situation since he was the only commissioner who heard the testimony.

The President's appointee to succeed him—Cyrus E. Woods of Pennsylvania—is objected to by other coal-producing states, which contend that their sections at present have a case before the commission and which would be prejudiced by having a new member appointed from a state involved in the proceeding.

New Type Club Car
A new type of club car has been built by the Pullman Company for use only on the Havana Special of the Atlantic Coast Line, between New York and Key West. The car has no baggage compartment, and therefore, will be operated next to the diner.

Its main room is furnished in blue leather with a cream colored ceiling, appropriately ornamented. In the several rooms in the car, including a ladies' lounge, a card room and men's lounge, tables and easy chairs are placed informally rather than in set rows along each side. An attractive interior decorative effect has been achieved.

Five cars are required to fill the run, the names being Santiago, Cuba, Havana, Carnegie and Key West. The time of this train (which leaves New York at 12:30 p. m.) is to be expedited three hours next month. The Christian Science Monitor is carried on

this and other Florida trains of the Coast Line.

Store Door Delivery
Direct delivery of freight to consignee's door is to be established by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois at a later date, it is understood. Motor competition has been taking an appreciable volume of railroad traffic in the Chicago-St. Louis territory. Definite information as to the cities in which the C. & E. I. will make store door delivery of freight is not yet available.

The president of the road, T. C. Powell, is generally credited with having inaugurated this system in New York, when vice-president of Big Erie.

New Atlantic City Stations
The Pennsylvania and the Reading Railroads are each planning to spend several million dollars on new terminals at Atlantic City, only a short distance apart, for competitive reasons. The Pennsylvania was willing to build a union station, but the Reading demurred.

Passenger Business
The Interstate Commerce Commission's report for 1925 shows that the total number of passengers carried in that year—90,000,000—was 25 per cent below the record figures in 1920 when 1,270,000,000 passengers were carried. Contrary to railroad reports, Pullman business decreased 2.4 per cent in the five years, 1920 to 1925.

Bill to Reduce Interest Rates
The Gooding Bill, to fund rail loans from the Government over long terms, and to reduce the interest on them from six to 4 1/2 per cent, is expected to come before Congress at the present session. The bill is especially helpful to the Milwaukee and the New Haven roads, both of which have large government loans, made necessary largely because of the financial methods employed by these roads, and who seek the Government's aid in meeting their obligations.

Of Interest to Travelers
A travel bureau has been located on the north balcony of Grand Central Terminal, New York, where travelers may rest at their leisure while clerks plan trips and make reservations. The bureau is in a small house placed on the balcony.

Automatic Train Control
The need for automatic train control becomes increasingly great, with the growing number of fast trains operating on single track without block signals. Many persons consider the train control as being an essential requirement as air brakes.

The Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central between New York and Chicago earned \$10,500,000 gross in 1925, this being a new high record. The train ran in 2300 sections, an average of six a day or three sections daily throughout the year.

Florida West Coast Limited and the Seaboard Florida Limited are the only train from New York, leaving at 7:10 p. m. (the time of the latter), carrying cars to both the East and West Coasts of Florida.

The Missouri Pacific has established new train leaving St. Louis at 6:25 p. m., carrying through sleepers to Omaha and Lincoln.

head of the Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City, a chair for Christian professors has been established for the institute by Joseph Strock of New York. This foundation is viewed as a new departure in the field of inter-religious unity, and will bear the name of the wife of the founder.

Young Temperance Campaign
The enrollment during the Young Methodists' Temperance Campaign in Britain, up to date number 18,804. Leaders of Scouts, Guides, and Brigades movements are being urged to give adequate place to the teaching of temperance to the troops under their control.

Triumph of Right
Faith in the triumph of right was convincingly voiced recently by Dr. Bruce Brown of the South Park Christian Church, Los Angeles. Pointing to the example of Paul, he said:

"It takes a sublime and audacious faith to sail forth at midnight on an unknown sea with this as our only chart and compass. This faith takes it for granted that there is a power and wisdom from above that directs and protects and by a divine alchemy will transmute our tears into songs and our sighs into songs of praise. It is such a faith that has led all the real makers of history to burn their bridges behind them in the conviction that the cause that God defends cannot outnumbered or be lost. It is this faith that explains why in all the decisive battles of the world's history right in weakness has won over wrong, supplanted in imperial power and splendor. In all great crises God has never been upon the side of the heaviest battalions."

Son Succeeds Father
The religious world is noting with interest the case of a son succeeding his father in the presidency of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. The retiring head is Dr. H. E. Jacobs, and his son, Dr. C. M. Jacobs, has accepted the office, according to an announcement by Dr. N. R. Melhorn, secretary of the board. The seminary is the largest ministerial training school of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Dullness Not Doctrine
The National Assembly of the Church of England has adopted a recommendation making compulsory the teaching of eloquence and voice production to candidates for Holy Orders. The aim is "to make the clerical voice clearer, brighter, and more natural and to destroy the tradition that dullness is essential to sound doctrine."

Gift to Methodists
The British Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society has received an offer from a friend to pay the whole of the debt on the funds of 1925, amounting to £15,000, providing Methodists contribute the extra £16,000 needed to cover expenditure for the current year.

World's Largest Parish?
What is believed to be the largest parish in the world, with for its area the smallest population, is that of the Anglican Chaplain of the Amazon. Consisting of the entire valley of the great river and its tributaries, from the borders of Peru and Bolivia to the Atlantic coast, the parish is 3000 miles long from east to west, and 800 miles broad from north to south, thus embracing about a twenty-fourth of the total land surface of the globe.

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Progress in the Punjab
Describing missionary work in the Punjab, the Rev. W. P. Hares states that while in 1881, after years' work, the converts numbered less than 4000, in 1903 they had increased to 10,000, and today they numbered 400,000. He adds that "60,000,000 are outside, knocking at the door, clamoring for teachers, and becoming discouraged."

Universal Christmas Sunday
Declaring that the 25th of December cannot accurately be called the date of the birth of the Way-shower, and that its present observance by various denominations either the Sunday before or the Sunday after results in much unnecessary conflict and duplication of endeavor, Dr. S. Edward Young of New York City has proposed a universal Christmas to fall always on Sunday as does Easter. Preaching last Sunday evening at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, he said:

"A Sunday Christmas, as next year's will be, would mean more for the spiritual life, for sanctuary attendance and worship. Nobody has the slightest evidence as to the exact date of the birth of Jesus, so this plan would not involve any inaccuracy of date. Our present sprawling observance, about one half the churches using one Sunday and the other half the next and the various Sunday School celebrations straggling over a period of nearly two weeks, leaves much to be desired. A little of the intelligent and courageous adjudging, and unifying which have marked the business world of late years might well be introduced into religious affairs."

Church Films
Motion pictures dealing with incidents recorded in the New Testament have been exhibited in 10 churches of six denominations in and around Boston and New York in the two months since the distribution of such films was undertaken by the Harmon Foundation. The churches included Presbyterian, Lutheran, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Baptist.

New Use for Old Churches
Among the proposed solutions of the problem of what to do with the ancient churches in London, many of which are very sparsely attended on Sundays, is the suggestion of the rector of St. Ethelburga's that more should be done to give a special character to individual churches. One might be used as the center of a poetmen's union, another of a policemen's or railwaymen's, and great missionary societies might each be assigned a church.

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According to an announcement by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, acting

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Domestic Conditions Offset
to Bearish Foreign News
—Corn Shows Weakness

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (Special)—Be-
lated liquidation in December deliv-
eries of all grains the last few days
caused a weak tone in the general mar-
kets, all deliveries declining con-

In wheat, the pressure was increased by the bearish foreign news and weak cables. Foreigners are taking advantage of the fact that prospective supplies appear to be more than ample to emphasize bearish features.

Wheat Finds Support

Domestic conditions have been an offset to the foreign news, however, and there has been a change of sentiment owing to this. At all events the

From the low point of mid-week there was a fair comeback. Canadian heat is being shipped out again this

At the present rate of export, the cumulation of bonded wheat, as well that in store at Canadian ports, will soon be down to moderate figures.

ns before the usual rush of Argentine and Australian wheat. Officials the pool in Canada predict a strong nation in the spring, and say that wheat has been well sold thus far, not much consigned prior to sale. European reports show a

lower production estimates, the man wheat crop estimate being 18,000,000 bushels, confirming claims that Europe will need an unusually large amount of wheat. There have been close to 140,000,000 bushels exported so far.

not burdensome from any view-
t. Deliveries increased the latter
of the month, and had some effect
pressing the December which lost
premium and went to a discount.

December corn was also weak, but to the biggest discount on the market under the May. There was good support in May corn around 80 cents, a moderate recovery. The shipping demand continues.

and the big local stocks of corn
tute a continuing bugbear for
sors who otherwise would be
friendly to the buying side.
rn advices were more bullish on
and Missouri River markets
generally stronger.

Eastern situation continues and prices are still above an parity. European reports on are bullish, and should Argentine play out, there would be a

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EDITORIALS

Seldom has there been contrasted more effectively and more clearly in a state paper or public address by one qualified to express the composite sentiment of a great nation the difference between moral courage and that courage which accepts the opportunity to engage in armed conflict, than in the address delivered by President Coolidge at the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Trenton.

The Strength of Moral Courage

He observed that the conflict in which Washington and his fellow patriots were engaged a century and a half ago was waged only in the hope that peace might thereby be established. That this might be realized and more permanently safeguarded, the Revolutionists made tremendous sacrifices. But it has seemed that peace won or preserved by the sword demands a continuing sacrifice. This will continue, the President observed, until it is possible to eliminate the fear and hatred of nations one for the other. "Now," he said, "nations rejoice that they have the courage to fight each other." He asks, "When will the time come when they have the courage to trust each other?"

The President sought, quite successfully, to trace the growth of what he defined as spiritual force from that period upon which he looked back down to the present day. Prophetically, he envisages the time when the people of his country and those of the world at large will realize that it is impossible to assure the policy of peace by a return to the policy of competitive armaments. He unequivocally declared his opposition to any effort, no matter by whom encouraged, to militarize the nation whose destinies he seeks to safeguard. He declared that whenever that policy has been adhered to, it has proved a complete failure. "We can render no better service to humanity," he declared, "than to put forth all our influence to prevent the world from slipping back into the grasp of that ravaging system. Truth and faith and justice have a power of their own in which we are justified in placing a very large reliance."

It will not be said that the moral and spiritual courage of the Nation has never been tested. It has been tried, and we believe it has never been found wanting. But it is not improbable that the supreme test is yet to come. As the people of the United States look about them with the commendable purpose of appraising their equipment, their material as well as their moral armament, it may be that they will be inclined to estimate somewhat too highly the wealth they have accumulated and the supposed power which wealth brings. But the President thoughtfully reminds us that prosperity is not a cause, but a result. "It is not," he says, "based on indolence or ease, on avarice or greed, or on selfishness or self-indulgence. It is the result of industry, fair dealing, self-denial, and generosity. It is all summed up in a single word. It is character."

The President, in portraying national characteristics, arrived at the inescapable conclusion that these are but a composite expression of the characteristics of the individuals comprising the nation. "In nations," he says, "individuals have their counterpart." He continued:

As we can expect some help from domestic laws, so we can expect some help from international covenants. While each represents the best that humanity can do at this time, neither in themselves are sufficient. As it is necessary to change the heart of the individual, so it is necessary to change the heart of nations. This has often been referred to as moral disarmament.

The mistake that is being made in its application lies in the fact that it does not come first. If the world had complete change of heart, complete moral disarmament, complete mutual understanding, complete sympathy, we would have little need of armaments and no need at all for international treaties limiting their use and size. It is because all nations are in danger from this source that we ought to provide such artificial barriers as are possible for the protection of the peace and welfare of humanity.

While it may be agreed that it is impossible to make an absolutely infallible forecast of business or industrial conditions, it must be admitted that it is fair to accept, as a basis for such prognostications, the almost unbroken record of two years of unusual prosperity now drawing to a close.

The Business Outlook for 1927

Associated Press recently undertook to compile a symposium of the views of leading American bankers and business men, thus presenting a composite expression of opinion which might guide those seeking to formulate, in advance, their business and industrial policies for the year 1927. It has been decided that the keynote expressed is that of conservative optimism.

Evidently it has been the purpose of those who might have been expected to be most enthusiastic in their portrayal of the picture to impress the need of deliberation, if not of actual caution, in approaching an undetermined condition. Despite the fact that speculative and investment levels of value are close to the highest point ever recorded, there are seen by some indications of a slowing down in general business, although it is quite generally agreed that fundamental conditions are sound and that no considerable depression is likely. In some quarters there is concern expressed because of the large volume of securities held by the banks, in others over the low price of cotton and the consequent effect upon the country's buying power, and elsewhere over the increase in installment buying and the apparent decline, in many sections, of building construction. And yet it is generally agreed that the ordinary harbingers of depression, such as inflated price levels, excessive inventories, and over-expanded credit, are almost entirely lacking.

After a brief and altogether hopeful view of the situation, Elbert H. Gary observes that there are no indications that prosperity will be seriously interrupted during the coming year. "If business shall be seriously diminished," he declares, "it will be the fault of ourselves and not the fault of natural conditions or the lack of fair treatment by the national Administration." It is no longer a secret that prosperity, like adversity, reflects, unfailingly, a state of thought. It would not be impossible for the

people of the United States to bring about industrial stagnation and, as a result, all the discomforts which attend depression due to loss of confidence, by accepting a distorted view of their own capabilities and their own rights. They can as certainly assure continued prosperity, the uninterrupted processes of production and exchange, by maintaining a correct concept.

There are gratifying indications that the American people, as well as the people of the world generally, are learning this lesson. These are the unfailing and convincing "signs of the times" which may be read by those who discern them.

Germany apparently has been among the originators of the various international industrial and commercial cartels which have been put into effect during the past eight years. While this fact has not been overlooked, yet it has not been generally known that the cartel movement has received its greatest development in Germany and that this has occurred chiefly during the past few years. The ability of the Germans to co-operate in the working out of their industrial problems is one of the characteristics of the people. Through this ability Germany has been able to effect a radical improvement in her economic position which has become especially noticeable during the past year.

It is estimated that within Germany by 1911 some 600 cartels had been organized, a number about double of what existed five years prior thereto. By the end of 1925, according to trade reports which are considered more or less official, Germany had some 3000 cartels, of which 2500 were industrial and the remainder existing in the wholesale and retail trade. These cartels, it must be explained, are not merely trade associations such as generally exist in the United States, for they endeavor to do much more than such associations try to do. The German cartels make it their effort to control distribution of commodities, and in many instances strive to regulate production. Therefore, they have pretty generally removed price competition from the domestic markets. That is a result which is contrary to the intent of the law in the United States and in many other countries. But it must be acknowledged that under the cartel system, or at least during the period of the intensive development of the cartel, the economic conditions of Germany have gone through a tremendous change. Whether the improvement noted during the past year is due to the change in the character of the German cartel may be open to debate, yet it must be acknowledged that the cartel has been so far developed in Germany that the system becomes of peculiar importance to economists throughout the world.

Exponents of the system credit the cartel with effecting the economic recovery of Germany. That is frankly reported in all commercial reviews coming out of the country today. While it is obvious that a large number of price-fixing cartels suffered severely during the financial inflation and stabilization periods, they have since more than recovered their old positions. Today, however, they are endeavoring to do much more than merely regulate prices. They are going outside their original field to effect standardization and specialization. It is understood that they have shown a considerable interest in the work of the American Department of Commerce in eliminating waste in the industries of the United States by means of restricting grades and effecting commercial standards. Such reforms, it appears, are more probable under a system of close co-operation than otherwise. It is for that reason, if for no other, that the work of the cartel in Germany is being watched and studied by American business men. There is equally good reason why other nations are also watching the developments in Germany. If the cartels may be truly credited with the economic changes of the past year, there is no foretelling what they may do for Germany within the years to come.

Calcutta is to be congratulated upon the remarkable success it has achieved in running a city improvement trust upon business lines. It has spent in all \$6,750,000 in cutting great arterial roads through slums and in opening up new residential areas to provide accommodation for families displaced. Against this it has already recovered \$3,000,000 by sale of land it has improved, and it expects to get back another million for property not yet disposed of. It has been enabled to do this by special legislation empowering acquisition of a broad strip of land on each side of projected roads. This land was taken up at prices fixed by arbitration, upon the basis of past average values. After improvement it was resold by public auction, the increased prices realized being utilized to finance further town-planning projects.

The work has been done by an improvement trust created by the Government of India in 1912. The first chairman was Cecil H. Bompas of the Indian Civil Service. The trust was made up partly of Europeans and partly of Indians. Its duties were "to make provision for the improvement and expansion of Calcutta by opening up congested areas, laying out and altering streets, providing open spaces for purposes of ventilation or recreation, and for rehousing persons of the poorer and working classes displaced by the operations of the trust."

Calcutta is a typical Oriental city of over 1,000,000 inhabitants. It is best known for fine quarters of limited extent where Europeans live and where business and industry are carried on, quarters so well built as to have won for the place its claim to be known as "the City of Palaces." By far the greater part of it, however, is of a very different nature. Looked at from above, this area presents to the view a sea of brown tiled mud huts so thickly crowded together as to shut out the ground. Here hundreds of thousands of seminailed coolies make their homes, sleeping upon the marshy ground and boiling their rice and cooking their chutnies (unleavened flapjacks) over smoky

fires. The acrid fumes find their sole outlet through cracks and crannies in the roof and walls, as chimneys are almost unknown. These regions are Calcutta's slums. They extend over many square miles and present his chief problem to the town planner. The land itself is valuable, but the average incomes of the inhabitants are only a few pence daily per head. The difficulty of raising money for improvements is thus enormous. In solving it by making the inauguration of new avenues for fresh air in large measure a paying undertaking, the Calcutta Improvement Trust has started an amelioration of real service to humanity.

Though naturally of particular interest to the nearly one and a quarter million American youths who are members of the Boy Scouts of America and of the 4-H clubs of boys and girls, the sentiments expressed by President Coolidge in the New Year message he has sent them are of wide enough import to be read with interest by many millions of others also. For he has stressed therein a fundamental thought that is broader than the mere limitations of time and space. "We get happiness," he wrote in part, "from doing our duty, further happiness from doing a little more than is necessary, and from doing things as near right as we can." And elsewhere he spoke of the fact that "helpfulness" expressed, as it seemed to him, the many advantages accruing from membership in associations such as the one in question. "You help others," he said, "and you help yourself by helping others."

It is not that there is anything strikingly new in such sentiments, for during many centuries the ideal of helpfulness has been emphasized as of importance in bringing out a larger sense of individual and collective happiness. But rather the fact that such an idea is being brought to bear insistently on the daily activities of the youth of America gives promise of a more practical application of such teachings than has ever been possible in the past. This indeed represents one of the salient features of today's enlarging outlook: the fact that moral sentiments which have chiefly been seen as mere platitudes are becoming recognized as presenting the very acme of substantial advice for the attainment of the truly worth-while things in life.

Cowper wrote in his Table Talk, "Happiness depends, as nature shows, less on exterior things than most suppose." And it was this same thought that President Coolidge defined in his message, though couched in somewhat different words. There is no happiness obtainable from many of those very things toward the gaining of which the world is straining every effort, in the belief that satisfaction would be won therefrom. If they are achieving success in no other direction, these organizations of the youth of America are doing a noble work in instilling this higher sense into the thought of their members. And the President has struck a worthy keynote of true Americanism in bringing to public notice this close connection between happiness and helpfulness. Unquestionably, therefore, his concluding sentence represents a positive fact:

Our communities and our country are the better because of what you boys and girls are, what you do, and what you will mean to our social and economic life as the men and women of the future.

Editorial Notes

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fires. The acrid fumes find their sole outlet through cracks and crannies in the roof and walls, as chimneys are almost unknown. These regions are Calcutta's slums. They extend over many square miles and present his chief problem to the town planner. The land itself is valuable, but the average incomes of the inhabitants are only a few pence daily per head. The difficulty of raising money for improvements is thus enormous. In solving it by making the inauguration of new avenues for fresh air in large measure a paying undertaking, the Calcutta Improvement Trust has started an amelioration of real service to humanity.

Though naturally of particular interest to the nearly one and a quarter million American youths who are members of the Boy Scouts of America and of the 4-H clubs of boys and girls, the sentiments expressed by President Coolidge in the New Year message he has sent them are of wide enough import to be read with interest by many millions of others also. For he has stressed therein a fundamental thought that is broader than the mere limitations of time and space. "We get happiness," he wrote in part, "from doing our duty, further happiness from doing a little more than is necessary, and from doing things as near right as we can." And elsewhere he spoke of the fact that "helpfulness" expressed, as it seemed to him, the many advantages accruing from membership in associations such as the one in question. "You help others," he said, "and you help yourself by helping others."

It is not that there is anything strikingly new in such sentiments, for during many centuries the ideal of helpfulness has been emphasized as of importance in bringing out a larger sense of individual and collective happiness. But rather the fact that such an idea is being brought to bear insistently on the daily activities of the youth of America gives promise of a more practical application of such teachings than has ever been possible in the past. This indeed represents one of the salient features of today's enlarging outlook: the fact that moral sentiments which have chiefly been seen as mere platitudes are becoming recognized as presenting the very acme of substantial advice for the attainment of the truly worth-while things in life.

Cowper wrote in his Table Talk, "Happiness depends, as nature shows, less on exterior things than most suppose." And it was this same thought that President Coolidge defined in his message, though couched in somewhat different words. There is no happiness obtainable from many of those very things toward the gaining of which the world is straining every effort, in the belief that satisfaction would be won therefrom. If they are achieving success in no other direction, these organizations of the youth of America are doing a noble work in instilling this higher sense into the thought of their members. And the President has struck a worthy keynote of true Americanism in bringing to public notice this close connection between happiness and helpfulness. Unquestionably, therefore, his concluding sentence represents a positive fact:

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A Timely New Year Message

THE peace movement has made steady progress during the year which is just coming to a close. War is becoming increasingly unpopular. Its defenders are growing fewer in number. Even the casual observer must be aware of the fact that mankind is beginning to question the reputed infallibility of the military method for the settlement of international disputes.

One is tempted to believe that mankind has come at last to realize that he who takes the sword will perish by the sword. It will be interesting, in view of this widespread interest in the consummation of world peace, briefly to review some of the outstanding accomplishments of the past twelve months that have tended to promote international understanding and good will.

We will begin with the political aspects of this unfolding peace crusade. Of major importance is the development of a sense of mutual confidence between Germany and France. Beginning with Locarno, then with Germany's entrance into the League of Nations, continuing with the Thoiry conversations, and finally with the promised cessation of the interallied military control over Germany, there has been established a most welcome interdependence of interests between these two countries.

For the first time in history, these two powers have come to recognize that war does not pay, and that both victor and vanquished can ill afford to take up arms in the future. If for no loftier motive than for their own self-preservation, France and Germany have agreed to abandon the costly and indecisive arbitrations of force. The steps through which this more wholesome attitude of neighborliness between the two Rhine countries has been achieved may be briefly summarized.

After considerable delay, Germany was admitted into the League of Nations on Friday, September 10. Scenes of great dramatic interest marked the entry of the German delegation into the Geneva Assembly. "Away with rifles, machine guns and cannon," cried Foreign Minister Briand of France, in response to the eloquent address of Dr. Stresemann of Germany. Folks with the shortest of memories may easily recall the days not far gone when the armies of these two nations were opposing one another across "no-man's land."

And here the ambassadors of these two peoples were covenanting to live together in friendly relationships. Surely, we have here one of the most encouraging episodes of the postwar period. The restoration of Germany into the family of nations has greatly enhanced the prospects of disarmament.

It was more than a coincidence that on the day following Germany's entry into Geneva, Premier Poincaré of France announced that the French Army was to be reduced by 2700 permanent and 1200 temporary officers, or 7000 less than before the war. France would hardly have taken such a step, even under the direct financial necessity, had it not been for the development of this friendly feeling toward her neighbor across the Rhine.

There followed, soon after, the partial evacuation of occupied German territory by the French troops. No less than 7000 French soldiers had turned their faces homeward before the end of September. This in itself did much to heal the breach between these two peoples. And the world will not soon forget the conversations that took place between Briand and Stresemann at Thoiry on September 17. It was there that these two men finally sealed the deeper understanding that has subsequently worked to the benefit not only of France and Germany, but of the whole of Europe.

The most recent evidence of this conciliatory attitude on the part of France and her former allies toward Germany may be seen in the arrangement, just lately agreed to in Geneva, for the cessation of the interallied military control of Germany. The termination of this control cannot help but advance the possibilities for an enduring European peace. Germany, according to this Geneva understanding, has agreed to submit questions of Eastern frontiers and arms exports to the League of Nations Council for settlement. Concessions were made by all the contracting parties, but they were made willingly and with mutual confidence. It is in such soil that thoughts of peace and good will flourish.

It would be quite in order at this point to note the progress achieved during the past twelve months in the matter of arbitration. Every arbitration treaty is a further guarantor of peace. The skeptic will refer to these solemn pledges as "mere scraps of paper." Perhaps. But can we ever free ourselves from the terrors of war unless we accept in all honesty and at their face value the arbitration agreements that have been entered into with such reassuring frequency of late years?

Perhaps it would be well to affirm, before going farther, that the progressive outlawing of war is premised upon the progressive codification of international law. It is cause for deep satisfaction, therefore, to observe the progress being made in this field. A Committee for the Development of International Law, functioning under the authority of the League of Nations, has been busily at work for some time laying the foundation upon which will be built in future years an international code that will serve as the legal norm for the peaceful settlement of disputes between nations. The United States has been unofficially related to this important project.

This growing confidence of nations in the sanctity of law has led, as we have said, to the writing of a large number of arbitration treaties. The Locarno agreements evoked the idea of compulsory arbitration. A similar type of agreement was signed on January 14 between Denmark and Sweden, and on the following day another between Denmark and Norway. Early in the same month arbitration treaties were signed by the representatives of Czechoslovakia and Sweden. A few days later there followed still another arbitration covenant between Czechoslovakia and Austria.

Up to the present, no less than twenty-five nations have signed the optional clause of the Permanent Court Protocol which automatically obligates these states to submit all international disputes of a legal character to that tribunal. It has been estimated that the action of these nations in signing this optional clause is equivalent to the signing of 300 separate treaties of arbitration. Questions of "national honor" and of "vital interests" have been included within the scope of these arbitration covenants.

In a recent survey undertaken by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, it was shown that no less than seventy-nine instruments of arbitration, conciliation and mutual security had been registered in Geneva. Can there be any reasonable doubt of the progress of the peace movement?

The easing of economic frictions has not been lost sight of. For many months the Preparatory Commission for an International Economic Conference has been hard at work in preparing the agenda for such a gathering. Three distinguished Americans collaborated in the shaping up of these preliminary details. The date of the conference has been fixed, subject to the approval of the Council of the League, for May 4, 1927.

The primary purpose of this conference will be "to remove as far as possible the economic causes of war, and to ameliorate the present unsatisfactory situation." It will be remembered, also, that on October 19 there was made public a "manifesto" on world economic conditions, signed by many of the leading bankers of sixteen countries, including the United States, in which it was declared that "the establishment of economic freedom is the best hope of restoring the commerce and credit of the world." The ground is being cleared for an enduring economic structure that will reduce to a minimum the possibilities of armed conflict.

Is it surprising, in view of these conditions, that the prospects for disarmament are brightening? The Congress

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of the United States, very early in the year, authorized an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the American delegation in the work of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission. From that date the United States has co-operated in a most commendable manner in all of the deliberations of this commission. Military and civil subcommittees have been appointed to explore the possibilities of an international disarmament policy. On both of these committees the United States has rendered invaluable aid.

It now looks as if the general disarmament conference would be held in 1928. The League Assembly, at its annual meeting in September, expressed the desire that the conference be held in 1927, but the members of the Preparatory Commission are leaning very strongly toward the later date.

The time spent in the perfection of these preliminary arrangements has not been lost. The present situation with respect to disarmament calls for patience. The work of centuries cannot be undone overnight. For hundreds of years the nations of the earth have been busy enlarging their military equipment. The marvel of it is that in so short a time so much progress has been made in the ultimate reduction of these vast and hitherto unchallenged military establishments.

A brief word should be said in this survey statement of the possible future relationship of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice. The Senate, by a vote of seventy-six to thirteen, gave its consent to the adherence of the United States to the World Court.

Certain reservations, however, were attached to this protocol of adherence, and some technical differences of opinion have arisen between the United States and the World Court members regarding the meaning of these reservations. Hence, at the present writing it seems extremely doubtful if a way can be found, in the very near future, at least, whereby America may be identified with this international tribunal.

So much for the more practical aspects of the peace movement. Fundamentally, peace is a thing of the thought, and thought, in the last analysis, is molded by educational and religious processes. It is significant, therefore, to note with what energy and persistence the forces of education and religion are being committed to the attainment of world justice and peace.

Not enough public attention has been given to the essay contest participated in by the school children of the world during the current year, in which selections were made of the ten great men of history. The fact that a military hero was not chosen as the first of the world's ten greatest men indicates a far-reaching change of educational emphasis. Largely under the influence of such organizations as the World Federation of Education Associations, the school children of the present generation are being taught new standards of individual and national greatness. This new approach to the study of history and biography cannot help but contribute mightily to the cause of peace.

World Good Will Day was observed on May 18. The radio was used this year to render effective the high purpose represented by this day, and the children of Wales sent their message of friendship to the children of other lands. Similar messages were sent from America across the seas. In the United States and in other countries there were assembled on that day multitudes of children and young people under the active leadership of school-teachers and college professors, for the purpose of cultivating that higher form of patriotism that looks with mutual regard and respect upon all peoples alike.

In Japan, under the auspices of the League of Nations Union, the young people of that Eastern empire are being trained in the duties and responsibilities of world citizenship. This same organization, in other countries, is initiating a campaign of peace education along similar lines. Moreover, it is estimated that no less than 30,000 young people from the four corners of the earth traveled to Geneva during the summer of 1926 to enroll in the study classes of the Institute of International Relations.

A large delegation of students from a number of American universities traveled to Europe last summer, visiting various university centers and becoming familiar with the commercial, economic and political problems of the continent. They returned to America with a certain cosmopolitan cast to their thinking. The exchange of students and professors, under the auspices of the International Institute of Education continues to be of the greatest possible significance to the cause of international justice and good will.

After we have instructed the youth of several successive generations to cultivate attitudes of trustfulness toward other nations, there will be less talk of national fears and international rivalries, and for that reason, less talk of increasing armies and navies. It is in these more quiet and less pretentious ways that humanity will come at last to international concord.

The church, too, has continued its campaign for a warless world during the past twelve months. Continued protests against the "mobilization day" activities of the War Department have been made in the name of the church. These "mobilization days" have now been discontinued, at least for the present.

The church has opposed compulsory military training in schools and colleges. It has worked for the admission of the United States to the World Court. It has called upon the President and Congress to aid in programs of disarmament. It is now memorializing the Senate to negotiate treaties for the compulsory arbitration of international disputes. It is now calling upon the Administration to find a peaceful solution for the existing differences between the United States and Mexico.

The Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions lately co-operated in the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War that convened in Washington, D. C., during early December. A Committee on Peace Education has been organized to furnish materials stressing the thought and ideal of peace to all the curricula-making agencies of church schools and weekday schools of religion.

Thousands of dolls are being sent to Japan this year as "doll messengers of friendship" from the children of the United States to their Japanese friends whom they have never seen. The educational value of such a project cannot be overestimated. The Roman Catholic Church held a Conference on Peace in Cleveland in October. Steps were taken at that time to form a permanent Roman Catholic organization for the promotion of international harmony.

The World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches, at its meeting in Pittsburgh, November 10-12, laid down a program for the development of a Christian internationalism. Other branches of this organization are functioning in nearly half a hundred countries.

The Norwood Peace Crusade in England is attracting thousands to the standard of a warless world. Everywhere church leaders are determined that Christianity shall no longer be used for the ends of military conflict. If this attitude is consistently maintained it means that there shall be no more war.

To be sure, there yet remain certain conditions that give grave concern to the lovers of peace. But notwithstanding these less favorable circumstances, it may be reaffirmed that the peace movement has made progress all along the line during 1926. Politics and diplomacy have felt the touch of a new and higher purpose. The forces of education and religion are being directed as never before to the attainment of peace on earth and good will toward men. And more important than anything else, mankind still staunchly believes that the world is marching forward.

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